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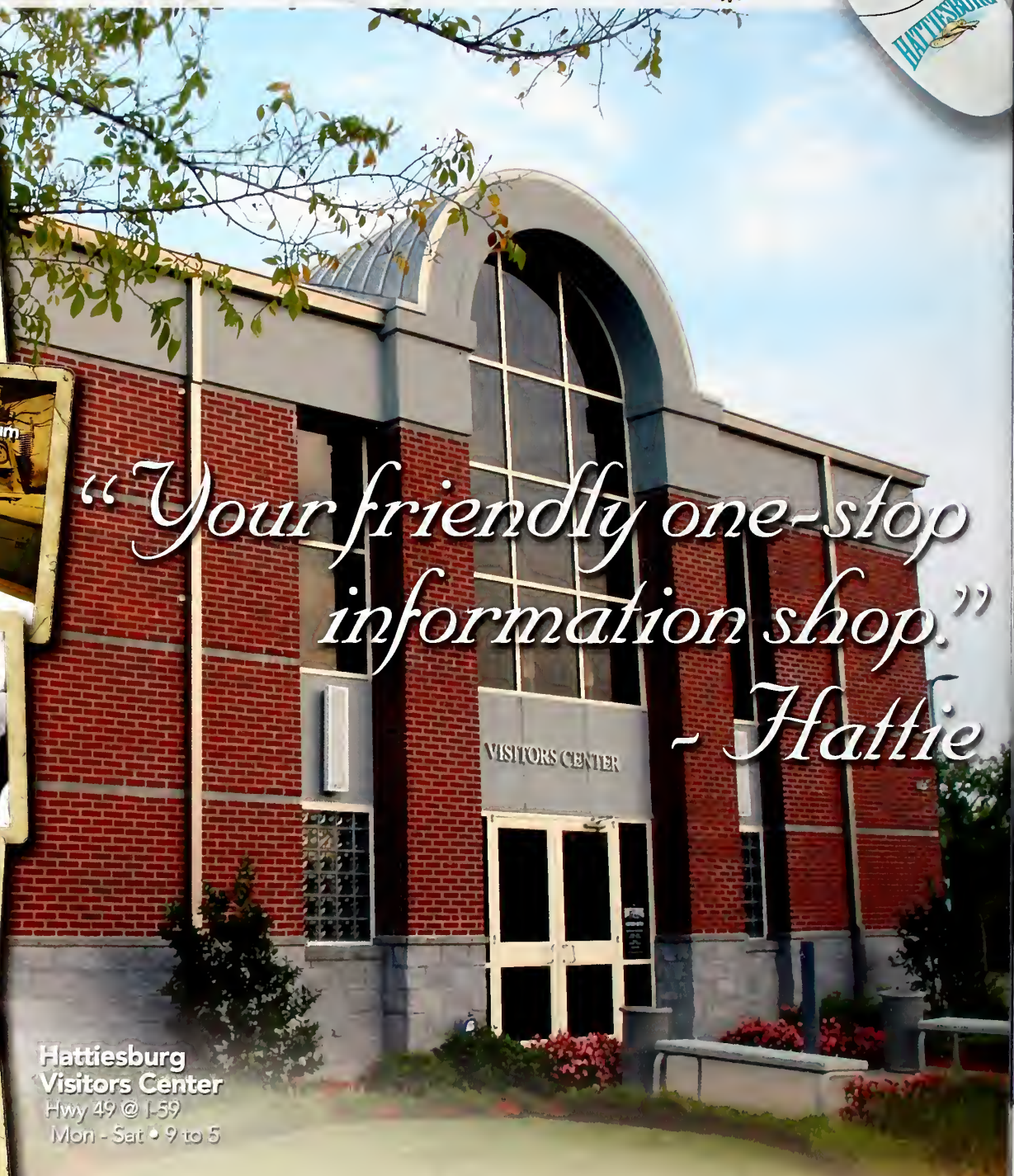

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Junior Southern Miss Volleyball player, Kelsea Seymour, has been named Conference-USA Co-Setter of the week seven times throughout her volleyball career and was named C-USA Co-Setter of the Year in 2009. Not only is this well-rounded student-athlete a great asset to her team, she has a passion for community service.

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The 2009-10 fiscal year was most definitely exciting and positive for the Alumni Association. Jerry DeFatta was promoted to the role of executive director, the Association reached its goal of 20,000 members in 2010, and The Legacy, the student alumni association, reached a record number of members.

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Southern Miss senior Whitney Miller competed and took the title of *MasterChef*, a competitive cooking show on FOX that aired its season finale this past September. Miller, an interdisciplinary studies major with an emphasis in nutrition, not only won the title of American's best home cook, she was also given a cookbook deal and a quarter of a million dollars.

FRONT COVER: WHITNEY MILLER, WINNER OF MASTERCHEF AND SOUTHERN MISS STUDENT, COOKS IN THE KITCHEN OF HER VERY OWN RESTAURANT, GLAZE, LOCATED IN POPLARVILLE, MISS. PHOTO BY KELLY DUNN.

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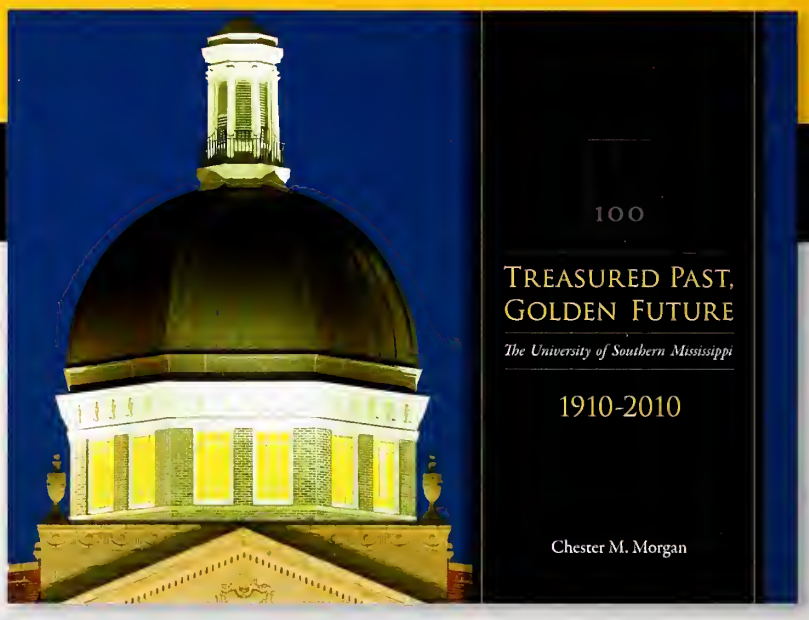

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100 YEARS SOUTHERN MISS

As cliché as it sounds, I believe everything happens for a reason. When I entered The University of Southern Mississippi as a freshman in the fall of 2004, I had no ties to Southern Miss. Not only was I the first in my family to attend Southern Miss, I knew almost nothing about Hattiesburg, even though I only grew up approximately 80 miles away in Ocean Springs. I was offered the Luckyday Scholarship and that was my influencing factor on where I would spend the next four years of my life. If only then I could have realized how much Southern Miss would change my life for good. Now I am happy to return to Southern Miss as the assistant director for communications for the Alumni Association.

I graduated in 2008 with a degree in marketing and shortly thereafter was hired as an advertising coordinator at Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi. I had worked at Beau Rivage as a summer employee and intern during college, but in my new full-time position, I learned quickly how to handle speedy deadlines and "on your toes" situations. In this role, I oversaw countless marketing projects from beginning to end and was heavily involved in the production of all collateral materials that were created in our department. This included being active in concept meetings, communicating with the designers and copywriters and working closely with all types of vendors.

As fate would have it, I returned to Hattiesburg after getting married in 2009. It was then that I was given the opportunity to work in corporate planning and development at Hattiesburg Clinic as the public relations manager, where I interacted daily with physicians, administrators and employees through various communication avenues.

Over the past few years, I have learned the important role that communication plays in the success of an organization. I am excited to implement my ideas in my new role with the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

As a proud alumna of Southern Miss, I am thrilled to now be a part of the staff at the University that greatly influenced my life. I give Southern Miss credit for helping shape me into the person I am today and have no doubt that this University will continue to have a positive effect on me. Now that I have been given this opportunity to serve you, I will be able to make an impact on the University and its alumni by sharing with you the outstanding accomplishments and successes that happen every day at Southern Miss.

Here is what you can expect from me as your new assistant director for communications:

I will work hard to ensure that all of the information presented to you concerning the Alumni Association and the University is accurate and presented in a timely manner.

I will be available to hear your concerns and ideas, and make an effort to incorporate your input in every way possible.

I will go above and beyond to deliver a first-class magazine, e-newsletter, and Web site that will keep our alumni closely connected to their alma mater.

I look forward to the future of this position. Please know that you can count on me to continue to take…

Southern Miss to the Top!

Jenny Boudreaux

Jenny Boudreaux
Assistant Director for Communications

Board of Trustees Extends Contract for President Saunders

The Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning recently voted to offer a new four-year contract to The University of Southern Mississippi President Dr. Martha Saunders, becoming effective as her current contract expires.

Saunders is the ninth president of The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. She took office on May 21, 2007, continuing an illustrious career of higher-education leadership.

Dr. Martha Saunders

Weathers Named University Counsel

Jon Mark Weathers

Jon Mark Weathers, former district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District, joined The University of Southern Mississippi as university counsel Nov. 15.

Weathers succeeds current university counsel Lee Gore who will officially retire Jan. 31, 2011, after leading the University's legal office for 20 years.

Weathers was District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District from 1976-1980. After practicing civil law for 23 years, Weathers successfully sought the office of District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District, taking office in July 2003. Earlier this year, he retired from the District Attorney's office after seven years of service to Forrest and Perry counties.

Weathers is a lifelong resident of Hattiesburg and a 1970 graduate of Southern Miss.

Karnes Named Top 10 Gifted Educators

An online educational resource devoted to promoting cutting-edge technology use in the classroom has identified a longtime member of The University of Southern Mississippi faculty as among the best in her field.

Dr. Frances Karnes, a Distinguished University Professor of Gifted Education and director of the University's Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, has been named to TeachTechTopia's Top 10 Most Influential Special Education Professors.

In citing her for the honor, TeachTechTopia described Karnes and her fellow honorees as striving "to improve the quality of life for gifted and disabled people through their research and efforts. Their spheres of influence may be local, regional or national, but – in all cases – they exhibit a drive and joy in their research focuses and in their abilities to lead and teach others to do the same," according to a statement on the organization's website.

Among her many honors and awards, she is the 2003 recipient of the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children's Award for Excellence, and received the Distinguished University Professor designation this year.

For more information about the Center for Gifted Studies, online visit usm.edu/gifted. For information about the Southern Miss Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, visit usm.edu/cise.

Construction Engineering Holds Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Construction honored three individuals and the state chapter of a national association for outstanding service in the field of construction at its Hall of Fame induction ceremony Oct. 8.

Gen. Larry Harrington, a Southern Miss alumnus, distinguished military leader and successful businessman, was the keynote speaker for the event held at the Thad Cochran Center.

THE INDUCTEES INCLUDE:

- Bobby Chain, owner of Chain Electric Co.; former Hattiesburg mayor and Southern Miss alumnus.
- Brad Fountain, Southern Miss alumnus and president of Fountain Construction in Jackson, Miss.
- David Marchman, retired professor and associate director of the Southern Miss School of Construction.
- The Mississippi Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC). Established in 1973, it has more than 1,000 members and is the largest chapter of ABC in the nation.

Southern Miss Holds Grand Opening of Century Park Residential Complex

Southern Miss President Dr. Martha Saunders joins Seymour and others for the official grand opening of Century Park residential complex.

University of Southern Mississippi officials, state and local dignitaries and students helped cut the ribbon on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at Century Park, the University's newest residential community.

Named in celebration of Southern Miss' centennial, Century Park is an 864-bed, living-learning community for freshman students, including honors college and scholarship recipients. It also houses upper-class females.

The $37.7 million development, the largest in the history of the University, consists of four, four-story buildings in a gated community located on West Fourth Street. Other features include a Learning Center with classrooms and meeting room space, private baths, washers and dryers that send residents a text when their laundry is done, internet speeds of up to one gigabyte and covered bike racks.

The project, which opened to residents in August, is a continuation of the University's housing master plan dedicated to providing state-of-the-art living communities for the students of Southern Miss. In addition, Century Park is nearing official certification by the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, which would make it the first residential community in Mississippi to earn that distinction.

Former Harrah's Executive Tolosa Receives Boardman Alumnus of Year Award

Pictured during a reception in Tolosa's honor are, left to right: Dr. Lance Neil, dean of the College of Business; Gary Lavemon, CEO/President, Harrah's Entertainment; Southern Miss President Dr. Martha Saunders; Tolosa and Chuck Atwood, former Harrah's executive.

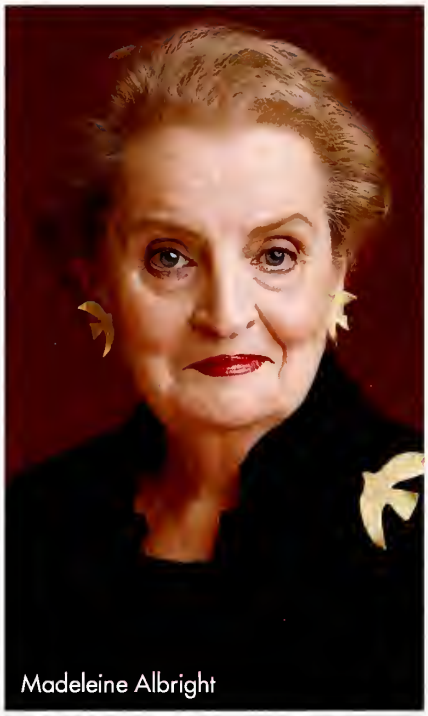
Longtime Harrah's Entertainment executive J. Carlos Tolosa was honored as the Boardman Distinguished Alumnus of the Year during a formal luncheon on Oct. 29 in the South End Zone Touchdown Club at Roberts Stadium.

Tolosa, 60, spent 40 years with Harrah's in a variety of roles ultimately retiring in January of 2010 as president of the Eastern Division.

Harrah's Entertainment has more than 80,000 employees with 54 casinos located on five different continents. Tolosa oversaw operations for one-third of the empire.

Lt. Col. John H. Dale, Sr. Distinguished Lecture Series Featured Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

As the global citizenry has moved from World Wars to Cold War and now to global terror, it has become more segmented with non-state enemies, explained former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright who was in Hattiesburg, Miss. Tuesday, Oct. 19 to deliver The University of Southern Mississippi's second biennial Lt. Col. John H. Dale Sr. Distinguished Lecture Series in International Security and Global Policy.


Madeleine Albright

Her role as Chair of the Group of Experts on the NATO Strategic Concept was to review the scope of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the 21st Century and work with other handpicked experts to make recommendations for its next Strategic Concept. Albright, who was the first female to serve as the United States secretary of state, defines the world as complicated, and the mission of NATO as vital.

"Instead of the United States and Soviet Union as two super powers, nuclear powers, facing each other; we have the United States as the most powerful country in the world along with a lot of other countries that share in responsibility but with no nation as a specific enemy," she said. "The world is more disorganized, the rules are a little harder and it's more complicated."

For that reason, Albright sees the role of NATO as more important, especially in such places as Afghanistan. While Afghanistan is not a member of NATO, it benefits from the military strength and commitment of NATO members. As a result, Albright sees the most powerful military alliance as now the foremost political alliance of democratic countries.

"I had a lot to do with the expansion of NATO during my tenure as secretary of state and am again playing a role in reshaping it in a post 9/11 world," said Albright.

Based on the recommendations of Albright's panel, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen will author a first draft of the new Strategic Concept in time for the next NATO Summit. Once heads of state and governments has approved the text, it will become the official NATO Strategic Concept.

The next installment of the Dale Distinguished Lecture Series is slated for 2012.

Did you KNOW?

Did you know that Saturday, Nov. 20 was the Military Appreciation Game? The Golden Eagles took on Houston in their final home regular-season contest and Southern Miss Athletics sold discount tickets to active military and veterans with Military IDs. A military appreciation party for current military as well as veterans and both groups' families were hosted by Toyota of Hattiesburg. Also, there were military vehicles on display at Pride Field as well as the band "Double Dee" played for entertainment.

Above: Southern Miss Air Force ROTC student Tim Wright of Biloxi stands guard at the beginning of a 24-hour vigil at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Hattiesburg to honor local veterans for the Veterans Day holiday Nov. 11.

Jill Duckworth, of Clinton, Miss., being crowned the new Miss University of Southern Mississippi.

Duckworth Wins Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant

Senior communications studies major Jill Duckworth from Clinton won The Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant Saturday, Oct. 23.

With the pageant title comes a $1,500 scholarship and an opportunity to compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant June 29-July 2, 2011 in Vicksburg.

Duckworth is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, served with Southern Style in 2009 and on last year's homecoming court as junior maid, and works in the admissions office assisting with campus tours.

Her platform is diabetes education and awareness.

School of Mass Communication and Journalism Induct 10 into Hall of Fame

The University of Southern Mississippi School of Mass Communication and Journalism hosted its fourth annual symposium Nov. 18, "Journalism at a Crossroads: How it Was, How it Is," in the Thad Cochran Center on the Hattiesburg campus.

The symposium began with panel sessions that featured hall of fame inductees. The first session looked at Mississippi journalism with a focus on the 1960s. The second looked at the current state of the news industry, including its economic challenges and the impact of new technologies.

Three prominent Mississippi journalists were inducted posthumously: Frank Buckley, former chair of the Southern Miss journalism department; Ace Cleveland, longtime University sports information director; and Pic Firmin, former editor of the *Delta Democrat Times* and *The Sun Herald*.

SEVEN LIVING ALUMNI INDUCTEES INCLUDE:

- James Bates, a photojournalist with *The Sun Herald* newspaper in Biloxi, Miss.
- Teresa Pace Collier, director of live operations for Mississippi Public Broadcasting, overseeing news and public affairs, radio operations and live television.
- Kevin Cooper, publisher of the *Natchez Democrat* (Miss.) newspaper
- Allan Nation, editor and publisher of "The Stockman Grass Farmer" magazine
- Henry "Hank" Price, president and general manager of WXII-TV, the NBC affiliate in Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Randy Swan, news director and main anchor at WDAM-TV, the NBC affiliate in Hattiesburg, Miss.

CENTENNIAL TRiVIA

As the celebration of the University's Centennial comes to an end, here are a few questions to test your knowledge of Southern Miss history. Answer four or five correctly, and we'll assume you are a former University archives staff member. Answer two or three accurately, and you can consider yourself a loyal alumnus or alumna. Answer zero or one correctly, and you may want to double check to make sure your diploma is not from a university in north Mississippi.

1. Who was the first African-American to be selected as Mr. USM?
2. What Southern Miss football player become the first college quarterback to gain 1,000 yards both rushing and passing in a single season and finished ninth in the voting for the Heismon Trophy?
3. What is the full name of the Southern Miss Golden Eagle mascot and where did it originate?
4. What was the original name of the Southern Miss Alumni Association's quarterly publication, now called *The Talon*?
5. In what year did the school's radio station first go on air, and what were the original call letters of the station?

SEE THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 66

Upcoming Events Calendar

All events are subject to change and should be confirmed. Any questions regarding these events can be directed to the Southern Miss Alumni Association at alumni@usm.edu or call 601.266.5013. Please visit SouthernMissAlumni.com for the most up-to-date calendar. All events are located on the Hattiesburg Campus unless otherwise noted. For athletics schedules, visit SouthernMiss.com. The baseball and softball schedules are included in the Athletic News section of this edition of *The Talon*.

December

20-31 **Campus Offices Close for Holidays**
Offices on campus, including the Ogletree House, will close for a holiday break. Should you require immediate assistance from the Alumni Association, please e-mail alumni@usm.edu. SouthernMissAlumni.com will be periodically updated during the break as well.

January 2011

3 **Campus Offices Re-open**

February

22-27 **The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Snakebit"**
7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday | Gilbert F. Hartwig Theatre | General admission tickets are $8.

March

24-27, 31 **The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "A Streetcar Named Desire"**
7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday | Martha R. Tatum Theatre | Reserved seats are $12.

26 **The Symphony Orchestra presents "Triple Play" featuring three alumni trombonists**
7:30 p.m. | Saenger Theatre | Reserved seats range from $16 to $20.

30 **Founder's Day**

April

1-3 **The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "A Streetcar Named Desire"**
7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday | Martha R. Tatum Theatre | Reserved seats are $12.

7-10 **Repertory Dance Company Spring Concert**
7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday | Mannoni Performing Arts Center | General admission tickets are $15.

14-21 **The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Smokey Joe's Café**
7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday | Gilbert F. Hartwig Theatre | General admission tickets are $12.

Southern Miss Class Ring Stolen in 1982, Found and Returned

In the spring of 1982, the home of Bennie and Rhonda Boren, located in Gulfport, Miss., was broken into. Among the jewelry stolen, was Rhonda Boren's class ring from The University of Southern Mississippi.

In August of 2010, Bennie Boren received a phone call from Virginia Kirkpatrick, who explained that she had been asked to assist in locating the owner of a ring that had been found.

The next day, Virginia Harvey of Meridian, Miss. called the Boren residence to tell them the story of how the ring was found. In September 2005, while at a gas station on the west side of Meridian, Harvey glanced down and a ring caught her eye.

Over the years, Harvey conversed with several individuals about the ring but was never able to build any leads until she came in contact with Miss. Geraldine Simmons, from Hattiesburg. Simmons mentioned she went to church with Bud and Virginia Kirkpatrick, both retired from Southern Miss, and that they might be able to be of some assistance. After making contact with the Kirkpatrick's, the process of locating the rings owner quickly proceeded. Kirkpatrick was given the date, degree and initials and before long, by searching through the Alumni Directory, she found the ring's rightful owner. "Class rings are so treasured, and I was thrilled to have a part in returning one to an alumnus." Kirkpatrick explained.

Shortly after, the Boren's made arrangements to drive to Meridian to retrieve the ring.

Welcome New Life Members

Laurie Abu-Saoud
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Phala Patton Reed
Eddie & Carmen Roca
Amanda Lingold Spencer
George & Jamie Vandevere
Kris & Presley Walters

"To the Top" Golden Eagle

Columbia artist **BEN WATTS** is now offering a limited edition 20-inch tall desktop-sized bronze replica of his sculpture, the majestic "To the Top" Golden Eagle, which sits atop the Waites Fountain on the Ogletree House grounds.

This bronze sculpture is perfect for the home or office and is priced at **$2,500**.

A portion of the proceeds benefits the Alumni Association.

For ordering information, please contact **Ben Watts** at **601.818.3980** or **benwattsbronzes@bellsouth.net**.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
- CLASS OF 2010 -

Seven of the University's most dedicated and distinguished volunteers joined the exclusive ranks of the Southern Miss Alumni Hall of Fame on October 8. The honored include:

The 2010 inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame included, from left, Powel Ogletree, Jr., Beverly Dale, Richard Johnston, Rickey Jones, Martha Saunders, Ken Rushing, and Dolphus Weary.

BEVERLY DALE
CLASS OF '68

For more than four decades, Dr. Beverly Dale's dedication to The University of Southern Mississippi has not wavered. First as a student who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in microbiology in 1968, then as a member of the faculty in the Department of Microbiology from 1972 to 1974, and for many years as an alumna, Dale has demonstrated her love for her alma mater in numerous ways.

During her collegiate years, Dale was active in student government, academic societies, and numerous other campus organizations. She was President of Delta Delta Delta and upon her graduation from USM was awarded the Tri Delta National Leadership Award, given annually to the outstanding Tri Delta undergraduate in the nation.

Dale received a PhD in 1983 from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas and began a career in the health sciences industries retiring in 2005. During her career, she was involved in both R&D and marketing/business development activities. She counts as her two most successful accomplishments: (1) her participation in the introduction of the first FDA-approved HIV viral load assay, required for the successful monitoring of patient response to HIV drugs, and (2) her role as a founder and original board member of her husband's company Salix Pharmaceuticals. Inc., now a $2.4 billion publicly traded company.

Since 2004, Dr. Dale has served as a member of The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation's Board of Directors and as a member of the College of Health Dean's Advisory Council. In addition, Dale's lead gifts helped establish the Alvin J. Williams Endowed Professorship in Minority Entrepreneurship, the John and Margaret Dale Presidential Scholarship in the College of Health, and she worked toward the development of the Maj. Gen. Buford "Buff" Blount Endowed Professorship in Military History. Most notably, perhaps, her contributions led to the creation of the Lt. Col. John H. Dale, Sr., Distinguished Lecture Series, named in honor of her deceased father. The series continues to bring high-profile events and speakers to Hattiesburg, including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who addressed an audience at the Saenger Theatre in downtown Hattiesburg on Oct. 19. Lt. Col. Dale, a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, was a professor of military science and head

of the Department of Military Science at Southern Miss from 1957 to 1961 and 1964 to 1967 and served on the faculty of the USM science education department after his retirement from the military.

Dr. Dale is a Life Member of the Alumni Association as well as the Foundation's Honor Club. She resides in Los Altos, California and Austin, Texas.

RICHARD JOHNSTON
CLASS OF '59

A successful businessman and a dedicated volunteer, Richard Johnston made his mark on the football field for Mississippi Southern College more than 50 years ago, and the Life Member of the Alumni Association has continued to make a positive difference for Southern Miss ever since.

As a team captain, Johnston led the Southerners through a magical season in 1958, a season that ended with the squad's record unblemished and a 1958 College Division United Press International National Championship. Johnston, a center, was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams following the 1957 season and played in the 1959 Senior Bowl. He was inducted into the M-Club Sports Hall of Fame in 1978 and was selected as a member of the Southern Miss "Team of the Century." During his years as a student, Johnston also enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1959.

More recently, Johnston has demonstrated his love for Southern Miss through his volunteer service. A member of The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation's Honor Club, he has been a M-Club board president (2005-06), an Athletic Foundation treasurer (2008-09), a member of the Foundation's (1984 to 1986) and M-Club's boards of directors (1980 to 1982 and again from 1999 to the present), and a Big Gold Club of South Louisiana president (1981). The Life Member of the Alumni Association currently serves as the Athletic Foundation's secretary and maintains memberships in the Eagle Club, the Dugout Club, the Hardwood Club, Wings and the Attack Club.

Johnston's successes extend to the business world, as he has experienced a lengthy career that has included positions with Shell Oil Company, Bell Maintenance and Fabrication, Inc., and Liberty Services, Inc., among others. Since 1980, he has been a vice president, director and stockholder for Crossover, Inc., an American Petroleum Institute-licensed company that supplies equipment for exploration and drilling operations. Among business achievements and honors, Johnston was elected delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1980 and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the Harvey Canal Industrial Association in 1991.

Johnston is married to wife Janet, with whom he resides in Biloxi. They have five adult children.

RICKEY JONES
CLASS OF '92

As a basketball forward, Rickey Jones was a part of some of the most impressive Golden Eagle teams to ever run up and down the hardwood. As an alumnus, he has played an important role on many of the teams that helped contribute to The University of Southern Mississippi's success. And to be sure, just as legendary coach M.K. Turk could count on Jones for a rebound or basket, the staff leadership of Alumni Association, The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation and the Eagle Club can count on him for volunteer support.

For example, Jones has been a member of the Association's Board of Directors as well as its Publications Board. In addition, he is currently serving a second term on The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation's Board of Directors. Finally, he has continued his involvement in Southern Miss athletics through longtime memberships in the Eagle Club and the Hardwood Club, and as a member of the M-Club Board of Directors. In 2006, he was a member of the Alumni Association Presidential Transition Team as well as the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning's Search Advisory Committee that assisted the IHL Board in its search for the ninth president of the University and ended in the selection of Dr. Martha Saunders. In 2007, the Alumni Association honored Jones for his service to alma mater with the Outstanding Service Award.

While Jones' love and support of the University is well known, his affiliation with the University began as a student in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He earned his bachelor's degree in sports management and was part of one of the greatest basketball teams in school history in 1991. The squad won the Metro Conference, earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, and finished the season with a 21-8 record.

Following his days as a Southern Miss student, Jones went on to the University of Mississippi School of Banking. As a business professional, Jones is currently a mortgage consultant with Beacon Realty, LLC, previously working as a branch manager for Trustmark Bank. He also serves on the board of trustees for Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church.

GEE OGLETREE
CLASS OF '77

As a student, Powell "Gee" Ogletree, Jr., made his mark at The University of Southern Mississippi. As an active alumnus and attorney, he continues to do so at his alma mater and across Mississippi and Alabama.

Prior to graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in American Studies, Ogletree was president and vice president of the Associated Student Body, president of Omicron Delta Kappa, president of Kappa Sigma fraternity and active in a number of other organizations. He was named to the USM Hall of Fame and Kappa Sigma International undergraduate of the year.

Following his graduation, Ogletree has remained active with Southern Miss serving as past president of the Lafayette County and Rankin County chapters of the Alumni Association as well as a member of the organization's board of directors. In addition, he has served two terms on the board of directors of The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, which he presently serves as vice president and president-elect.

As an attorney, Ogletree has gained a national reputation for his diverse knowledge of and practical experience in forestry law from the perspective of industry, timber investment management organizations, private landowners, harvesters and others. With Adams and Reese LLP, a regional law firm with 12 offices in five states and Washington, D.C., he practices in the Jackson office. Licensed to practice law in Mississippi and Alabama, he serves on the firm's executive committee and is the founding partner and co-leader of the Forestry team. Ogletree earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is recognized as an outstanding real estate lawyer by Chambers and was recognized by Best Lawyers in America in Real Estate, Timber, and Natural Resources. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Mississippi Bar in 2009.

The son of longtime Alumni Association executive director Powell Ogletree and Frances Ogletree, Gee is married to wife, Holly, and they have two grown daughters, Emily Dimitris from Asheville, N.C. and Katie Black from Tampa, Fla. In 2008, he and Holly completed the Chicago Marathon. They live in Flowood, where they are active at Pinelake Church.

KEN RUSHING
CLASS OF '81

Few alumni can boast of as lengthy a list of volunteer service to The University of Southern Mississippi as Ken Rushing. The Life Member of the Alumni Association has dedicated himself to serving his alma mater through both the Association and the Eagle Club.

Shortly after graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1981, Rushing became an active member of what was then called the Hinds County Chapter of the Alumni Association, serving as president of the group in 1986-87 and earning both the Outstanding Service Award in 1991 and the Continuous Service Award in 1996 from the Association in the process. As part of that service, Rushing and others helped to create the Jackson All-Star Party, which remains one of the premier volunteer-driven Alumni Association events each summer. Rushing also served as a member of the Association's Board of Directors from 1995 to 1997.

Although Rushing's service to the Alumni Association is extensive, it is exceeded perhaps by his work on behalf of the Eagle Club. He has served as district director of the Central Mississippi Eagle Club for 10 years, during which time the group has reached milestones both in the number of members and financial support of Southern Miss athletics. Among other successes, the group's golf tournament has generated more than $10,000 in support of Eagle Club scholarships and activities.

While Rushing has proven to be a dedicated alumnus, he worked hard even as a student to promote the University and Southern Miss athletics. As a member of the informal fraternal organization, Eagle "I's," a group of former junior college students independent of the Greek system, the students made their own Homecoming displays and invited friends still in junior college to attend Southern Miss football games.

Rushing is a certified public accountant who worked for 20 years in public accounting. Currently, he works with Tellus Operating Group, LLC of Ridgeland as its comptroller. Tellus is Mississippi's second largest oil and gas operator with wells primarily in south Mississippi.

The Brandon resident has been married to the former Margaret Deloris LaFlore for 26 years and the couple has two children, Chelsea and Brett, a sophomore in the Honors College at Southern Miss.

MARTHA SAUNDERS
CLASS OF '69

Dr. Martha D. Saunders is the ninth president of The University of Southern Mississippi, taking office on May 21, 2007, and continuing an illustrious career of higher-education leadership.

As the new president at Southern Miss, Dr. Saunders worked quickly to bring the campus community together in a widely inclusive strategic planning process. Under her leadership, the university has identified four overarching areas of strategic emphasis including (1) a climate for academic success, (2) an enhanced national image, (3) stronger connections with the community and (4) a culture of healthy minds, bodies and campuses.

Saunders came to Southern Mississippi from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she served as its first-ever female Chancellor. Prior to her appointment at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, she was vice president for academic affairs at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. She previously held the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of West Florida (UWF), where she earned the rank of tenured professor of communication. At UWF, she also worked as Director of the University Honors Program.

More than a president, however, Saunders has proven herself to be a dedicated alumna. A Life Member of the Alumni Association, she has demonstrated support for all areas of the University, maintaining memberships in the Eagle Club and Partners for the Arts, for instance, and contributing to academic units and important projects such as the Restoration and Expansion of the Ogletree House.

Throughout her 30-year career in higher education, Saunders has taught thousands of students and just recently returned to the classroom to teach a public relations course this fall. Her philosophy of education follows three simple guiding principles: know your students, connect them to bigger things and set a good example.

A native of Mississippi, Saunders earned her B.A. in French from The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg; her M.A. in Journalism from the University of Georgia in Athens; and her Ph.D. in Communication Theory and Research from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She and her husband, Joe Bailey, reside in Hattiesburg and are the parents of seven grown children and five grandchildren.

DOLPHUS WEARY
CLASS OF '78

Dr. Dolphus Weary has two passions—one for racial unity in the Body of Christ and two, to minister to the poor, and the Richland resident has spent a lifetime dedicated to those passions. For more than 25 years now, Weary has spoken on college campuses, in churches, seminaries and conferences around the country, sharing those passions with the world.

After growing up in rural Mississippi, Weary became one of the first African-American students to graduate from the all-white Los Angeles Baptist College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He then earned a Masters of Religious Education degree from Los Angeles Baptist Seminary and returned to Mississippi to work with Mendenhall Ministries, a multi-faceted Christian Community Development ministry, which he served from 1971 to 1997, while also earning a masters degree in Educational Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1978.

Today, Weary serves part time as the President of Rural Education and Leadership (R.E.A.L.) Christian Foundation, an organization that connects economic and technical resources with rural Christian ministries and part time as the major fundraiser for Mission Mississippi, a racial reconciliation ministry that encourages unity within the Body of Christ.

The longtime member of the Alumni Association has received four honorary doctoral degrees, as Belhaven College in Jackson and Waynesburg College in Waynesburg, Penn., are among the institutions that have recognized him. In 2004, he received the distinguished Meritorious Leadership Award from Tougaloo College, and most recently was featured in the national publication, Who's Who in Black Mississippi.

In addition, Weary serves as a member of several national and local boards of directors, advisory boards and committees, benefitting such organizations as Belhaven University, Catholic Charities, the Christian Community Development Association, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Keep Mississippi Beautiful, the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference, Transformation Jackson, and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation.

Weary and his wife Rosie are the parents of three children: Danita, a pediatrician who lives in Natchez; Ryan, a communications graduate of Belhaven College; and the deceased Reggie; and are the grandparents to one grandson, Reginald Malik Weary.

2010 Award Winners

Each year at Homecoming, the Alumni Association honors distinguished alumni and the University's most faithful servants at the Annual Awards Lunch and Business Meeting. While nominations are accepted year round, submissions must be received by May 30 each year for the approaching Homecoming ceremonies in the fall. Nominations can be made at SouthernMissAlumni.com, by fax to 601.266.4218, or mail to the Southern Miss Alumni Association, 118 College Drive #5013, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001.

The Alumni Association presents six awards each year, a list that includes:

Outstanding Service Award
Given to up to seven alumni based on their service to the University.

Continuous Outstanding Service Award
Given to up to five alumni for their long-term efforts and dedication to Southern Miss.

Special Service Award
Given to individuals, not necessarily alumni, who have made a significant, unique contribution to the University, community, or his or her profession.

Outstanding Young Alumnus/ Alumna Award
Given to one alum thirty-six years of age or younger who has made contributions of time and effort to the University, community, and his or her profession.

Moran Pope Meritorious Service Award
Given to one alum annually who has continued to give of his or her time and talents throughout the years to recognize outstanding alumni support, professional achievement, loyalty, and service to the University.

Friend of Southern Miss Award
Given to one individual annually who is not an alum, but has contributed greatly to the progress of Southern Miss throughout the years.

Kimberly Fountain '87
Outstanding Service Award

Currently, Kimberly Fountain is the Houston Area Alumni Ambassador. In 2009, among other events, she assisted in the organization of an alumni tailgate prior to the Southern Miss vs. Houston football game.

In October 2010 the Minority Constituent Society, of which Fountain is the vice president, hosted a community service event at the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club. Among other service activities, she has volunteered as a "Big Sister" in Big Brothers-Big Sisters programs in Houston and San Antonio. She has volunteered at the Houston Food Bank and coordinated a clothing drive after Hurricane Katrina.

Fountain resides in Houston, Texas, and is employed as a senior project lead at an education assessment company. She is the owner of Splendid Destinations Travel, located in Sugar Land, Texas.

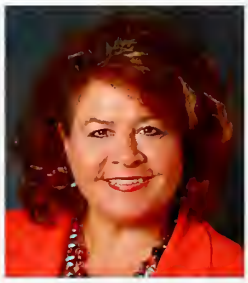
Vance Grantham '72
Outstanding Service Award

Vance Grantham has helped organize the Southern Miss golf tournament in Meridian for numerous years and is a longtime dedicated member of the Eagle Club. In fact, at the first Eagle Club event he attended, this Golden Eagle fan and proud supporter of Southern Miss athletics won the autographed game ball from Southern Miss' victory over Alabama at what is now Bryant Denny Stadium.

Grantham has spent the last 28 years in the investment management field and currently is a registered investment adviser with Raymond James Financial Services with offices in Citizens National Bank in Meridian.

He is married to wife Ranae and they have two sons, J and Beau.

Susan Lamey '83, '93
Outstanding Service Award



During her time as a student and now as an alumna, Susan Lamey has always been profoundly involved with Southern Miss. She is the current president of the Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter and is a member of the Alumni Association's Traditions Committee.

In addition to being a member of the Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, as a student Lamey was a member of the yearbook staff and was a campus and sports photographer.

At present, she is a public affairs specialist for State Farm Insurance and is responsible for the company's community relations in the state of Mississippi. Other honors include being a graduate of the 2010 Greater Jackson Leadership and 2007 Mississippi Economic Council Leadership Mississippi programs.

Gavin Langston '98
Outstanding Service Award

The Alumni Association's New Orleans Chapter is fortunate to have Gavin Langston as its president.

This chapter continues to expand its programming to meet the needs of local alumni, future alumni and the University.

During his time at Southern Miss he was a campus leader, serving in key roles for the Student Government Association, the University Activities Council, Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Resident Hall Association.

Currently, Langston is a vice president at Whitney National Bank in New Orleans. He is married to Southern Miss alumna Sherry Walker Langston and they have two sons, Gavin II and Walker.

CLAY PEACOCK '93

Since becoming an Alumnus of Southern Miss, Clay Peacock has served as the Association's Alumni Ambassador since 2005 and the Eagle Club's District Representative since 2009.

He has had a hand in countless events in the Atlanta area but most notably Peacock organized pregame gatherings prior to Southern Miss baseball games at the Georgia Tech Regional in 2009 and has been instrumental in the launch of the Mississippi Picnic in Atlanta, an event he will chair in 2011.

While at Southern Miss, among other activities he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Honors College and the Student Government Association. Peacock is currently a senior report developer for TRAVELTRAX in Atlanta.

GENE POLK '88

Gene Polk is the current president of the largest chapter of the Alumni Association, the South Central Mississippi Chapter, and a loyal Golden Eagle football fan. In his role of chapter president, he has assisted with the organization of a number of events, including Golden Eagle Fanfare.

In addition to his current presidency, Polk is a past president of the Accounting Constituent Society, which has hosted several continuing education opportunities, the most ambitious of which will be held this December.

He is currently a senior accountant, specializing in audits of governmental and not-for-profit organizations, with Nicholson and Company. He is the proud parent of daughter, Meagan, a sophomore nursing major at Jones County Junior College.

ERIN SMITH '01

Erin Smith has been a proud Southern Miss supporter her entire life thanks to her parents, Ed and Gloria Williamson, who brought her and her sisters to Southern Miss events for as long as she can remember.

Currently, Smith is the president of the Southwest Central Chapter of the Alumni Association. During her time as president she has organized well-attended events that have featured, among others, Baseball Coach Scott Berry. In addition, she is a Life Member of the Alumni Association, a member of the Eagle Club and a past president of the South Central Chapter of the Kappa Delta Alumni Association.

At present, Smith is an academic counselor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and is married to Southern Miss graduate Brett Smith. She is the proud mother to two boys, Bryce Crawford, four, and Hampton Edward, born in August.

BENJIE BARHAM '87

Since Benjie Barham was 10 years old, he has attended events and activities at Southern Miss.

Over the years, he has been a board member for local chapters on the Gulf Coast, in New Orleans, in Hattiesburg and in Central Mississippi. He has previously served as president for the South Central Alumni Chapter. In addition to his involvement with the Alumni Association, Barham has continued his involvement in Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity as an alumni adviser.

Barham is a member of the 2001 Area Development Partnership's Leadership Pinebelt and has served various roles in the Gulf Coast Chamber, ADP, Greater Jackson Partnership and Clinton Chamber.

He is the current director of business development for the Hinds County Economic Development District. Barham and his wife, Pam Taylor Barham, a Southern Miss alumna, have three children, Benjamin, Brennan and Barrett.

2010 Award Winners

Jimmy Garrett '78

A member of the Alumni Association for more than three decades, Jimmy Garrett has been the treasurer of the East Central Mississippi Chapter for more than 25 years.

In addition to his impressive commitment to the Alumni Association, he is also a longtime member of the Eagle Club, treasurer of the local chapter for more than eight years, and a co-founder of the Lauderdale County Southern Miss Golf Tournament.

Like so many dedicated alumni, he has purchased a life insurance policy that will benefit the Honors College, among other areas of campus.

Currently, Garrett is a senior vice president and senior underwriter at Citizens National Bank of Meridian. He and his wife of 26 years, Frances, are the parents of Sterling and the grandparents of Will.

Nancy Magee '85

As an active member of the Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter, Nancy Magee is currently serving on the chapter's board. She has been greatly involved and has served as a chair for the group's All-Star Party and its newcomer picnic. In addition to her alumni involvement, she is an active member of the Jackson Eagle Club.

While a student at Southern Miss, Magee was a member of Phi Chi Theta, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Sigma Psi Alpha, Gamma Beta Phi and the Financial Management Honor Society

Presently, Magee is employed by the Rankin County School District as an instructor with its after-school program. Magee is the proud parent of one daughter, Paige, a student at Southern Miss.

Donnie Tynes '75

A Life Member of the Alumni Association, Donnie Tynes has been a dedicated Alumni Association volunteer, serving on the Finance Committee for three years, and most recently as Finance Committee chairman in 2009-10.

Tynes is also a loyal member of the Eagle Club, serving as treasurer of the Jackson Eagle Club for more than two decades while maintaining memberships in the Hardwood Club, Wings, Dugout Club and Outfield Club.

He is a certified public accountant who has worked with Trustmark Bank since 1975 and is currently the bank's vice president and director of external reporting. Tynes resides in Madison with his wife Barbara Schuler Tynes, to whom he's been married for 30 years. They have one son, Darren, who is presently a student at Southern Miss.

Brenda Walker '78

Currently, this Life Member of the Alumni Association serves as president of the Gulf Coast Metro Chapter. In this role, she organized the Gulf Coast Beach Bash this summer.

Along with her husband Bill, Brenda Walker is co-director of the Gulf Coast Eagle Club and they are members of the Athletic department's Circle of Champions. During football season, Walker can be found at all home games in her RV on campus. She is also known to find a way to watch road games by either organizing a bus trip to the game or a game-watching party at a Gulf Coast restaurant.

The Walkers have two children, Brett and Baylee, who both attended Southern Miss, and one grandchild, Brooklyn.

Rusty Anderson '79, '81

A member of the Eagle Club and a Life Member of the Alumni Association, Rusty Anderson has been the director of the Office of Career Services since 1995, a role in which he helps Southern Miss alumni both find employment and find employees. Toward those goals, he has been active in developing professional relationships with alumni, engaging them to return to campus to conduct employment interviews, lead presentations and attend career fairs. As a

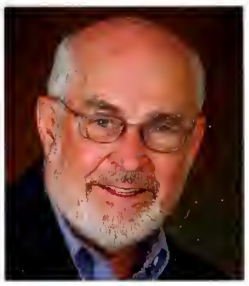
result, Southern Miss has been designated as a target school for organizations such as Cintas, Sherwin-Williams, Northrop Grumman, and Frito Lay.

In addition, Anderson has been instrumental in assisting in the orchestration of the annual networking dinner for members of the student alumni association, The Legacy.

He and his wife Theresa have two sons, Rusty Jr. and Eric, a 2007 Southern Miss graduate, and three grandchildren.

JAMES YELVERTON

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD



James Yelverton has been an important University volunteer for more than a decade, supporting the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Partners for the Arts and the DuBard School for Language Disorders.

Among other roles, Yelverton has been a board member for all three of those organizations and his service has been highlighted by his time as chair for the DuBard School's Advisory Board. He currently serves as an advisory board member and provides other volunteer services for the school.

Locally, he is involved with several organizations, such as the Area Development Partnership, the Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association, and is the treasurer of the Greater PineBelt Community Foundation.

He is retired after 35 years in the petroleum industry, including 10 years working internationally in places such as Norway, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia. He now shares his time between Hattiesburg and Ocean Springs.

DR. SAM JONES '97, '02

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. Sam Jones graduated from Southern Miss with a B.S. in advertising in 1997, a master's degree in public relations in 2002, and a Ph.D. from Mississippi State University in educational leadership in 2006.

He is the current dean of Student Affairs at Jones County Junior College and is a volunteer for a number of community organizations, including the Alumni Association, which he serves as a board member and an important part of the Laurel Metro Chapter.

As a student, Jones was an outstanding Golden Eagle basketball player, starting every game his senior season. He was named to the All-Metro Conference Tournament Team and enjoyed a professional career in Finland before returning to Mississippi.

He is married to the former Sarah Clark of Richton.

REP. PERCY WATSON

FRIENDS OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Hattiesburg native and attorney Percy Watson was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1979. He is currently serving his seventh term and is chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. When he was selected by House Speaker Billy McCoy to do so in 2003, he became the first African-American to hold this influential post. In addition, he is a member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Among other roles, he serves on the AmSouth Advisory Board and is chairman of the Board of Directors for Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Watson is married to the former Barbara Smith and is the father of five children, four of whom have earned degrees from Southern Miss.

BOB JEFCOAT '72

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Bob Jefcoat has served the Alumni Association in a number of capacities, including as president in 1974-75, as a member of the Board of Directors, and as president of what was then the Hattiesburg Metro Chapter. He also served two terms as the Finance Committee chairman and one term as chairman of the Alumni Association's Past President Council.

He is a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame and has previously been honored with the Outstanding Service Award in 1987 and the Continuous Service Award in 1993.

He completed two nine-month tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

Currently, Jefcoat is the Chief Operating Officer at Hattiesburg Clinic and is married to the former Patricia Welborn. They have three sons, Clark, an alumnus of Southern Miss and Johns Hopkins University; Kyle, a graduate of Yale and Duke University Law School; and Ken, a graduate of Southern Miss. Jefcoat and his wife, Patricia, are the proud grandparents of Annabelle Jefcoat.

Growth & Progress

Prosperity and Growth of Mississippi Southern College

Throughout the year, From the Archives has been featuring excerpts from the book "Treasured Past. Golden Future: The University of Southern Mississippi, 1910-2010," by Southern Miss alumnus Dr. Chester "Bo" Morgan. The entry included here focuses on the prosperity and growth of Mississippi Southern College, known today as The University of Southern Mississippi. The institution was known as Mississippi Southern College from 1940 to 1962.

February 1940 was full of irony for State Teachers College. It was a month of celebration and mourning, of triumph and near tragedy. On February 1, the Mississippi House of Representatives voted 113-0 to change the school's name; a day later, fire almost destroyed Mississippi Hall. The following week the state senate approved the name change, and STC became Mississippi Southern College; the same week, the institution's first president (also a member of that 1940 senate) died. Paradox pursued the school throughout the year, even the decade. In June, the institution awarded its first bachelor of arts degree; before the year ended, the Southern Association placed Mississippi Southern College on probation. In 1941, the football team recorded its first undefeated season; barely a year later, MSC suspended intercollegiate athletics when the United States found itself, for the second time in a generation, embroiled in a profoundly destructive global war. This one almost destroyed the college. Enrollment, which had climbed from its Depression slump to a peak of 1,500 in 1939, plunged by 1944 to a historic low. The male population almost disappeared entirely, as military service took from the campus, in the words of one professor, all but "4-F students and theologues." Colleagues teasingly referred to the dean of students as the "dean of women." The faculty shrank to forty.

What the exigencies of war removed with one hand, however, they gave back with the other, producing by the end of the 1940s immense growth and prosperity for Mississippi Southern College.

H. M. Craft, who had replaced R. G. Lowrey as dean in 1941, ran the school until June, when the board named Robert Cecil (R. C.) Cook as the college's fourth president. Cook was still on active duty with the army education program in Europe and later claimed that he did not learn of his selection until he arrived in New York in July and a friend showed him the announcement in a Mississippi newspaper clipping. He immediately reported to Camp Shelby, where the army discharged him on July 6, his

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forty-second birthday. The next day, he paid his first ever visit to the campus, where he found the President's Home occupied by two faculty boarders and its backyard by the remnants of Dr. George's modest poultry farm. After Mrs. Cook evicted the tenants and cleaned out the chicken coops, the college renovated the thirty-three-year-old dwelling, which soon became the centerpiece of the new president's campaign to revitalize campus social life. The Cooks were, it seemed, always hosting various functions to entertain students, faculty, or alumni—as many as five thousand during one particularly busy year.

Cook sought especially to attract local students. In those days, as one faculty member acknowledged, most of Hattiesburg's social elite "wouldn't think of sending their children out here...they would send them to Ole Miss or to the east." Determined to erase the institution's image as "Hardy Street High," Cook spent much of his time and energy building bridges to the community, too much to suit some on campus. In any case, he hoped to increase MSC's appeal to a broad range of students by promoting excellence in three areas: academics, athletics, and social life. Progress had to begin, he believed, with a "program of superior instruction in a well organized and varied curriculum." The *Printz* reported that "his eagerness for . . . Southern's football future is as intense as the most ardent sportsman of Mississippi Southern College," and in striking contrast to his predecessor, Cook was an enthusiastic advocate of "good wholesome entertainment," including "dances, parties, and other social activities."

Three new research and service centers emerged during Cook's presidency. In 1946, R. A. Pulliam developed the Reading Clinic, building on the work of Emily Jones, who had organized reading conferences for school teachers as early as the 1920s. As part of the Department of Education and Psychology, the clinic sought to educate teachers, clinicians, and researchers in the whole field of reading. Its diagnostic and treatment services for individual reading problems drew adults and children from throughout Mississippi and surrounding states and in 1953 became available to college students also. In 1947, MSC established a Latin American Institute (now the English Language Institute) to offer intensive language and culture courses designed to smooth the transition of a growing number of foreign students to American university life. By that time, the institute had become "a two-way street orienting Latin Americans to the American way of life and Americans to the Latin American way of life." In this way it fulfilled Dr. Cook's larger vision of improving "cultural ties and understanding between Latin America and the U.S." The

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The Beedie Smith Infirmary Clinic opened in 1962.

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One of Dr. Cook's major accomplishments, according to his successor, was in making Mississippi Southern College "socially acceptable." Having seen Ole Miss attract "a great number of fine girls with national sororities," Cook made the expansion of Greek life at MSC a major objective. The three national women's groups already on campus— Delta Sigma affiliated with Delta Sigma Epsilon in 1940—were all educational sororities. Cook's secretary, Jane McInnis, had been a member of Chi Omega during her college days at the University of Alabama, and with her help, he lured this prestigious national social sorority to Southern in 1949. Kappa Delta came the same year and Phi Mu in 1950. A year later, former Mississippi first lady Corinne Johnson helped organize a Delta Delta Delta chapter, giving the school seven national sororities. Two more local fraternities, Alpha Delta Mu (1947) and Beta Kappa Tau (1948), emerged, but attracting Greek letter organizations for men to Southern proved more difficult, according to Cook, because "the national fraternities took a more standoffish look at schools which had formerly been teachers colleges." Several did come, however: Phi Kappa Tau, Kappa Alpha Order, and Kappa Sigma in 1948; Alpha Tau Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha the following year; Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1953. An interfraternity council was established in 1948. For $31,000 Cook bought a two-story frame structure from Camp Shelby, moved it on campus near East Stadium, and made it available to the sororities as a Panhellenic building, complete with meeting rooms, a large lounge, and a kitchen. In 1949, Alpha Tau Omega acquired the renovated college barn and turned it into the first fraternity house on campus.

In the fall of 1954, R. C. Cook stunned the college community by announcing that he was resigning effective December 31, to become vice-president and general manager of a new capital city daily newspaper, the *Jackson State Times*.

In an effort to unify all factions, the board then decided to go outside the college and chose state archivist William D. McCain. The college's fifth president was a native of Bellefontaine, Mississippi, and an early graduate of Delta State. Upon assuming the presidency in 1955, McCain announced that he intended to keep the campus "dusty or muddy with construction," and he did. One of the most pressing needs was for dormitory space, as the fall quarter's enrollment topped three thousand, forcing the school to refund rent deposits to more than five hundred students for whom no housing was available. "We must do something to take care of the Mississippi boys and girls who are clamoring to attend Southern," McCain declared. The federal government came to the rescue with loans and matching grants that helped the school build five new housing facilities: two dormitories for women, Jones Hall (1959) and Pulley Hall (1962); two for men, Scott Hall (1959) and Bond Hall (1962); and Pinehaven Apartments for married students (1960). Several other buildings opened during McCain's first seven years: a new field house for athletics (1958), a new science building (1959, later named for J. Fred Walker), the new Cook Library (1960), the Commons (1962, later named for J. B. George), and the Beedie Smith Infirmary (1962).

Pride of Mississippi Marching Band Performed at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Pride of Mississippi Marching Band Performs at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

More than 3.5 million television viewers worldwide watched as The University of Southern Mississippi Pride of Mississippi Marching Band and Dixie Darlings made their debut appearance in New York City in the 84th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Pride of Mississippi, currently comprised of 300 members, became the first university band in the state of Mississippi to be selected for this honor. Only 11 bands from the 300 applicants were selected to perform in the nation's most cherished procession. The parade was broadcast live on NBC as performers and floats took the route down 7th and 6th Avenue to Macy's Herald Square.

"The Macy's Parade is a timeless tradition and we're extremely proud to have been a part of The Longest Running Show on Broadway," said Mohamad Schuman, director of The Pride.

With a little over a year to prepare, The Pride organized a fundraising campaign to fund their five day stay in The Big Apple.

No stone was left unturned in their efforts to raise between $300,000 and $325,000. Donations were collected at Golden Eagle football games and a local jewelry store even sponsored a diamond give-a-away.

The campaign was given an extra boost by former captain of the Dixie Darlings Bonnie Warren and her husband Lawrence, who gave a generous donation of $50,000 to the cause.

"It is because of special people like Mr. and Mrs. Warren that the Southern Miss dream of having The Pride of Mississippi in the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade became a reality," said Schuman. "The entire community really got behind us and showed support and enthusiasm and every member of the Pride really appreciates that."

Meridian Symphony Orchestra Celebrates 50th Anniversary Season of The Orchestra

Itzhak Perlman, the world's most notable violinist of the 20th century.

Dr. Claire Fox Hillard has designated 2010-2011, Meridian Symphony Orchestra's 50th Anniversary, "A Season of Celebration"! Adding to that excitement - Itzhak Perlman, the world's most notable violinist of the 20th century will be on stage with the MSO, which consists of a large amount of Southern Miss faculty and students, on Saturday, February 26, 2011 in a performance of the Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor and theme from the movie "Schindler's List".

The evening begins with a wonderful 50th Anniversary Gala, hosted by the Meridian Symphony Association, Inc. and Meridian Rotary Club. This spectacular celebration of the orchestra's golden anniversary features a tribute to the pioneers of the organization, live music, and a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from the event benefit Meridian Symphony Orchestra and Rotary Club's "End Polio Now" program. Please reserve your tickets in advance by contacting the Meridian Symphony Association, Inc. at 601.693.2224. For more information about this special evening, please visit meridiansymphonyorchestra.com.

Emerging Opera Sensation Got Her Start at Southern Miss

Maryann Kyle with former student Emily Hindrichs.

Southern Miss alumna Emily Hindrichs is well on her way to becoming one of the most spectacular coloratura sopranos of our time. The 2001 graduate credits her success as a professional opera singer to the training she received in the Southern Miss School of Music.

Since receiving her bachelor's and master's of music from Southern Miss, the 30-year-old New Orleans native has won countless competitions and performed with some of the worlds most renowned opera companies. In the spring of 2009, she made her debut with the English National Opera in *Die Zauberflote* as Queen of the Night and reprised her role at the New Orleans Opera this winter. She will reprise her role again at the Seattle Opera in 2011 and in her Opera Frankfurt debut in 2012.

"Emily singing the Queen of the Night at A-Level opera houses at her age is a barometer for her future," said Dr. Maryann Kyle, associate professor of voice and director of the Southern Opera & Musical Theatre Co. "She has a wonderful combination of a spectacular voice, smarts, musical intuition and is fearless onstage. She loves the art of singing and is comfortable enough with herself to share this joy with audiences."

Hindrichs, who recently returned to Hattiesburg for a private photo shoot, feels a bit nostalgic about performing Queen of the Night, because the first time she performed it was onstage at the Mannoni Performing Arts Center Auditorium. "It comes full circle from Southern Miss. The first time I set foot onstage as an opera soloist I was a masters' student here singing this role," Hindrichs recalled.

As a student at Southern Miss, Hindrichs sang with the Southern Opera & Musical Theatre Co. under Kyle's direction. After graduating from Southern Miss with her bachelor's, Hindrichs studied musicology at the University of Exeter on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. While in England, she realized her true calling was performance and helping others perform as well.

Kyle and Hindrichs had a conversation that sparked her return to Southern Miss to pursue her master's degree and dream of becoming a professional opera singer. "I told her [Kyle] what I wanted to do and she said I should come study with her and start looking for DMA programs, so I did," Hindrichs explained. "I think it was the first time I seriously considered singing as a career path and once I got the performing bug, I was hooked."

Today, Hindrichs has amassed an impressive performance history and a laundry list of awards that has many opera patrons comparing her to the world's premiere soprano - Renée Fleming. Her noted engagements from the past two seasons include a return to the Seattle Opera Young Artist Program as a guest artist, her Carnegie Hall debut with the American Composers Orchestra, in New York City, and in concert with the Seattle Symphony.

She was awarded a 2009 Sullivan Foundation Award, won first place in the Les Azuriales Opera Competition in France and won 2nd place in the Washington International Competition. *The Washington Post* reviewed her performance saying, "Emily Hindrichs offered works by Ravel, Richard Strauss, Handel and Verdi. To this taste, she had the finest voice of the contestants – firm, full lustrous, agile and distinctive…her personal charm, her sure sense of pitch and her refusal to indulge in the inane birdy mimesis that so often passes for coloratura singing were strong attributes."

Winter Wonderland Brings Holiday Spirit to Lake Terrace Convention Center

The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and Forrest General presented "Winter Wonderland" Thursday, Dec. 2 - a holiday spectacular for the whole family.

The Lake Terrace Convention Center was transformed into a magical Christmas Village complete with goodies and activities for children who got the chance to mail letters to Santa and have their pictures taken with him.

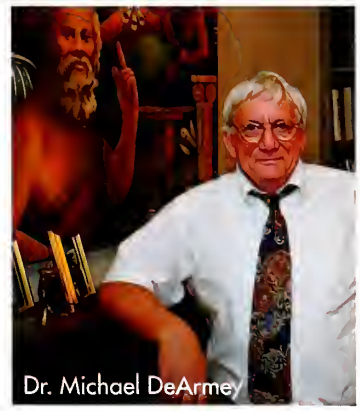
"This was our special treat for the community and a great way to kick off the holiday season," said Jay Dean, music director of the symphony. "Every year we try to provide a spectacular opening to the holiday season and this year, with the generous support of Forrest General, we really presented something special."

Critically acclaimed singer Mary Donnelly Haskell and famous actor and singer Guy Hovis along with the orchestra, Southern Miss choirs and the Dixie Darlings headlined the musical performance.

Moorman Professorship Supports Scholarly Research in Humanities

Dr. Charles W. Moorman, a late Southern Miss English professor and administrator, dedicated his career and years of service to excellence. Moorman, a member of the English faculty from 1954-90, was a renowned authority on the work of Geoffrey Chaucer, served as chair of the department and later as vice president of Academic Affairs for the University.

Today, his legacy lives on through an endowed professorship that provides esteemed faculty with funding to pursue research in the humanities – the Charles W. Moorman Distinguished Alumni Professorship.



Dr. Michael DeArmey

In 2009, Dr. Michael DeArmey, a professor of philosophy and religion, was named the seventh faculty member to receive the Charles W. Moorman Alumni Professor in the Humanities by the College of Arts and Letters.

Established in 1988, the Moorman Alumni Professorship is awarded biennially for a two-year term and provides as much as $34,000 for a research project proposed by a senior professor from the departments of history, English, foreign languages and philosophy. Recipients must also host a public event that showcases their research.

DeArmey presented a lecture titled "Evil and Human Dignity" Friday, Nov. 19 in Gonzales Auditorium of the Liberal Arts Building. He was joined by internationally renowned philosopher and Florida State University professor Dr. Alfred Mele, who lectured on "Free Will and the Neuro-Sciences." In addition, DeArmey is finishing a book about the concept of "evil" and the need for a new world order to address the evils of the world.

A former post-doctoral fellow at Yale University, holding master's and doctorate degrees from Tulane University, DeArmey's areas of specialization are American philosophy, philosophical theories of human nature and ethics.

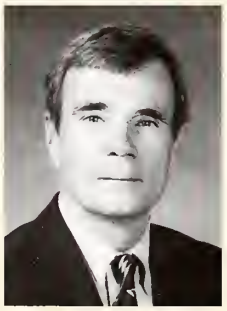
Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program Continues to Impact Students at Southern Miss

Over the past eight years, the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program has impacted the lives of more than 900 students at The University of Southern Mississippi through the gift of scholarship, service, leadership and community engagement. What began as a vision of the late Frank R. Day, the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program is now a thriving group of student leaders who graduate from Southern Miss and go on to a diverse range of opportunities; among them are doctors, international volunteers and ministry leaders.

Founded by Day, the Luckyday Foundation funds scholarships for Mississippi high school seniors who are exemplary students with outstanding leadership skills and a commitment to their community. It was Day's request that the Luckyday Foundation fund a program at Southern Miss to assist Mississippi's sons and daughters in completing a college education.

With a commitment of $7.4 million in April 2010, the Luckyday Foundation renewed funding for the program at Southern Miss, promising a continued bright future for graduates of the program.

"The Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program is a nationally recognized model for student retention, development and success," said Dr. Joe Paul, Southern Miss vice president for Student Affairs. "The generosity of the Luckyday Foundation in extending this important gift for four more years is critically important to Southern Miss. We are most appreciative." The Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program has been recognized by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning as the Best Practice in Student Affairs in 2005 and was awarded the Silver Excellence Award from the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals and Administrators in 2006. Most recently, national recognition came in the form of the National Scholarship Providers Association and Fastweb recognizing the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program as the 2010 Scholarship Provider of the Year, acknowledging the program for exceptional leadership, efficiency and impact in its support of higher education.


Frank R. Day

The Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program began with an initial gift from the Luckyday Foundation in 2001 and welcomed the inaugural class of Luckyday Citizenship Scholars in fall 2002, according to Dr. Larry Sparkman, director of the Luckyday Program. In 2010, 100 entering freshmen were awarded $4,000-per-year scholarships, which are renewable up to four years. Since 2001, the Luckyday Foundation has made almost $17 million in gifts and commitments to Southern Miss.

"The nature of the Luckyday Citizenship Program is quite dynamic as student engagement and involvement are central to the ongoing development of program initiatives in which students help to plan and implement every facet of programming and assistance provided," said Sparkman. "Today, the Luckyday Citizenship Program is a four-year student engagement and development program where students are challenged to grow as servant leaders while serving the community needs around them."

From the beginning of a student's experience as a Luckyday Citizenship Scholar, they are challenged to make a difference in their communities by actively participating in local charitable organizations. Since 2002, Luckyday Citizenship Scholars have completed more than 100,000 hours of community service in and around the Hattiesburg area. The generosity of the Luckyday Foundation gives students the opportunity to grow both inside and outside the classroom while helping move the Hattiesburg community forward.

Freshmen live in a designated community where they are encouraged by upperclassmen mentors and develop a supportive group that guides their transition into the university experience. While service, community and connection are vitally important to the program, students are also introduced to the philosophy of servant leadership through a special class designed for Luckyday Citizenship Scholars. Leadership opportunities follow their freshman year, and a large percentage of students go far beyond the requirements of the scholarship providing leadership for the program and support for their fellow students.

More than 40 percent of all Luckyday Citizenship Scholars have been on the Dean's List or President's List. The Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program actively promotes student leadership opportunities both inside and outside the classroom by encouraging student involvement, integration and by training students in the philosophy of servant leadership, which promotes leadership by choosing to serve first.

Beyond providing scholarships for more than 900 students to attend Southern Miss, the Luckyday Foundation has assisted more than 120 of those students to study abroad in the program of their choice. Graduates of the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program have gone on to pursue their dreams in a variety of professions, said Sparkman. "We have several students from our first class of Luckyday Citizenship Scholars who are completing their final years of medical school and dental school. About 30 percent of our graduates have gone to graduate schools around the world."

Among the inaugural class of

Members of the Luckyday Foundation Board of Directors paid a visit to graduating Luckyday Scholars at a reception in April 2010.

Luckyday Citizenship Scholars were Amaziah Coleman, Tabitha Epperson, Jessica Lamb and Jason Abrams. Through the impact of the Luckyday Citizenship Program, these students, and many others, were able to achieve their dreams after graduating from Southern Miss.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Southern Miss in 2006, Coleman enrolled at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson where she received her Doctor of Medicine in 2010. Coleman is now a first-year Pediatric resident at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

"Even though I am no longer at my alma mater, I still consider myself a Luckyday Scholar," said Coleman. "The Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program has been one of the best opportunities in my life. I was glad to be so involved with the program from leadership and executive teams to being a peer instructor for a freshmen seminar course."

Dr. Larry Sparkman

"I am most grateful to the Luckyday Foundation for such a wonderful gift and to Dr. Larry Sparkman for making the program at Southern Miss what it is today," said Coleman. "I had no idea what an impact the program would have on me when I first started college, but I can definitely say that Luckyday has left a lasting impression."

For Epperson, the Luckyday Citizenship Program provided her the opportunity to study abroad in Jamaica. "Prior to college, I had never been out of the country. Now I get on an international flight as often as I can," said Epperson. While pursuing her doctorate in sociology at the University of South Carolina, Epperson has participated in numerous international service projects. She has traveled from the Amazon jungle in Peru where she worked in the rainforest to Nicaragua where she ventured into the mountains to distribute hygiene items, shoes and school supplies to children at nearby schools.

"Even though I am 600 miles from the program, I often think of Luckyday and the profound impact it had on my life. Sometimes you go into something and do not realize how life changing it will be until you are on the other side; that is how Luckyday was for me," said Epperson. "My experiences in the program opened up the world to me--internationally, domestically, socially, academically and philanthropically."

Upon graduation from the University of South Carolina, Epperson plans to take the Foreign Service Exam and work for the Department of State, preferably doing embassy work in another country.

As a student at Southern Miss majoring in French and comparative religion, Lamb spent a semester studying

at The Abbey in Pontlevoy, France with the help of the Luckyday study-abroad program. After graduating in 2006, she traveled as a leadership consultant for Alpha Delta Pi sorority. In January 2009, Lamb seized the opportunity to return to Southern Miss as the coordinator for study abroad in the Office of International Programs where she manages The Abbey Program and the British Studies Program. When she is not managing the programs abroad, Lamb maintains the international exchange programs, plans for The Abbey and British Studies Program, and takes classes in pursuit of her master's degree in communication studies.

"Being a part of the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program not only provided me with many amazing memories but also a multitude of growth and leadership opportunities which have helped me develop into who I am today," said Lamb. "Luckyday is a family I am proud to be a part of, and I am forever grateful to the Luckyday Foundation for providing these opportunities not only to me, but to hundreds of students through the years."

Jason Abrams graduated from Southern Miss as a Luckyday Citizenship Scholar in 2008. Currently in Jackson, Miss., he is the campus minister for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Jackson State University and a part-time youth director for Voice of Calvary Fellowship Church where he leads the church's youth department, including five youth teacher volunteers and more than 40 inner city children in the downtown/west Jackson area.

"I am grateful to the Luckyday Foundation for enabling this program to make a major impact on my life," said Abrams. "I have been able to use the servant leadership skills I learned from the program in every aspect of my career. I am a man that seeks continued learning and growth because of the investment of the Luckyday Foundation."

Abrams hopes to train student leaders to take his place as both youth director and campus minister to allow him to finish his Master of Divinity from the Reformed Theological Seminary.

"The Luckyday Foundation applauds The University of Southern Mississippi for the continued success of the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program," said Holmes Adams, Chairman of the Luckyday Foundation Board of Managers. "By renewing our commitment to this outstanding program, we are continuing to support Frank Day's vision to educate young people in Mississippi."

Luckyday Citizenship Scholars receive support and encouragement through a Luckyday Citizenship seminar, designated housing assignments, community service-learning requirements and other opportunities. For more information about the Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program at Southern Miss, visit www.usm.edu/luckyday.

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Home Health Foundation Establishes Nursing Scholarship at The University of Southern Mississippi

With a gift of $100,000 to The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, South Mississippi Home Health Foundation Inc. has established an annual scholarship in the School of Nursing in honor of Dr. Frederick E. Tatum of Hattiesburg.

Representatives from The University of Southern Mississippi and South Mississippi Home Health Foundation Inc. celebrated Dr. Tatum's support to the medical community by holding a luncheon in his honor. From left: Brittany Lewis, Dr. Katherine Nugent, Mary Tatum, Dr. Frederick E. Tatum, Dr. Martha Saunders, Mary Stainton, Elaine Temple and Penny Lovitt.

Founded in 1987 by South Mississippi Home Health Inc. (currently Deaconess Homecare and Deaconess Hospice), South Mississippi Home Health Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization funded by donations from Deaconess employees in Mississippi and from investment income. The foundation is directed by Mary Stainton, president, and Elaine Temple, secretary/treasurer, both of Hattiesburg. Fellow board member and vice president of professional services for Deaconess HomeCare, Penny Lovitt, also played an instrumental role in establishing the scholarship in honor of Tatum.

The Frederick E. Tatum, M.D. Annual Nursing Scholarship will be awarded to nursing students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, with preference given to students interested in home health care and community health. The first five recipients of the scholarship received money at the beginning of the fall 2010 semester.

"Homecare is primarily delivered by registered nurses in the communities. The board members of South Mississippi Home Health Foundation were seeking a mechanism to honor Dr. Tatum and also to benefit nursing and homecare," said Stainton. "The board is excited and pleased to work with Southern Miss on the establishment of this scholarship."

Brittany Lewis, a senior nursing major from Meridian, Miss., is one of the first to receive the annual nursing scholarship. "I am honored to be a recipient of this scholarship. Not only will it help me financially, but it will also help me to further my education," said Lewis. "Dr. Tatum is a great role model for the health care community." Upon graduation, Lewis plans to become a nurse anesthetist or continue on to a School of Osteopathic Medicine.

"It is an honor for the School of Nursing to be the recipient of the funding from the South Mississippi Home Health Foundation to set up the Frederick E. Tatum, M.D. Annual Nursing Scholarship for undergraduate and graduate nursing students," said Katherine Nugent, director of the School of Nursing. "This scholarship will ease the financial burden of the recipients and facilitate the achievement of their educational goals. It is also an inspiration to our students to receive a scholarship named for Dr. Tatum who supported nurses and their practice for many years."

South Mississippi Home Health Foundation found it important to honor Dr. Tatum for his commitment to health care in Hattiesburg. In 1963, he was one of 10 physicians to found Hattiesburg Clinic. He was also one of the founders of the second home health company in Mississippi in 1969. "Dr. Tatum has, and will always be, a champion for students entering the health care delivery system. He is a man who is dedicated to the learning process and has a strong desire for everyone to keep learning," said Stainton.

Tatum also played a significant role in the success of South Mississippi Home Health Inc. as it became one of the largest homecare companies in the state and region and was recognized nationally for its many contributions in the field of homecare.

"As a native of Hattiesburg, I have always been a supporter of Southern Miss," said Tatum. "My wife, Mary, and I are overwhelmed with the honor of a scholarship established in my name. I believe strongly in the value of education, and know this scholarship will help provide the gift of education to many students."

Through their gift, South Mississippi Home Health Foundation hopes to benefit current nursing students in need of financial assistance who might otherwise not have the financial resources to stay in school. They also look to make an impact on Southern Miss by potentially keeping these students enrolled in the University and creating a vision for others to give to the School of Nursing.

For more information on the Frederick E. Tatum, M.D. Nursing Annual Scholarship or to make a gift to The School of Nursing at Southern Miss, please contact The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation Establishes Two New Professorships

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation announced in October two new University professorships in the College of Business and the College of Arts and Letters. The Alvin J. Williams Endowed Professorship in Minority Entrepreneurship and the General Buford "Buff" Blount Endowed Professorship in Military History were established with gifts totaling $250,000 each to honor two Southern Miss alumni, one for his service to the University, the other for his service to the nation.

Dr. Beverly Dale, a Southern Miss graduate and long-time supporter, was instrumental in the creation of both endowments. Dale earned her degree in microbiology in 1968 and served as a member of the faculty in the Department of Microbiology from 1972-74.

According to Dale, both professorships support areas that tie in some way to the domestic and world events that occurred during her time as a student at Southern Miss. "The Blount Professorship ties into the war and failed peace in the 1960s, and the Williams Professorship is a reflection of the civil rights movement," said Dale.

"I want Southern Miss to become the economic development and entrepreneurship center in the State of Mississippi and be broadly known as the institute of higher learning in this state that has contributed most significantly to the economic, as well as educational, prosperity of our state," said Dale. "Those are programs I will support going forward at Southern Miss."

Dr. Alvin Williams earned his bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1974, a master's degree from the University of Alabama and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Through his many leadership roles at Southern Miss, including professor of marketing, chair of the Marketing department and interim dean of the College of Business, Williams showed his passion for excellence in education and commitment to the advancement of entrepreneurial education.

Jennifer Sequeira, associate professor in the Department of Management and International Business, is the first Williams Professor. "Dr. Alvin Williams is an astounding man who has contributed greatly to the College of Business and the University, both in publications and service, thus I am truly honored to have been chosen by the College of Business as the first recipient of the Alvin J. Williams Endowed Professorship in Minority Entrepreneurship," said Sequeira. "I have a passion for entrepreneurship, and my research focuses on various aspects of minority entrepreneurship. This professorship will greatly support my research. The purchase of books and databases as

The completion of the Blount Endowed Professorship was announced in October at the Lieutenant Colonel John H. Dale Sr. Distinguished Lecture Series in International Security and Global Policy featuring former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. From left: Dr. Martha Saunders, University president; Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State; Major General Buford "Buff" Blount; Beverly Dale.

well as attendance at conferences can be quite costly, so this will help to reduce the personal cost of some of those expenses."

Williams is a past president of the Society for Marketing Advances and past editor of the *Journal of Supply Chain Management*. He has conducted more than 350 presentations and seminars for supply management and marketing professionals in the U.S., Europe, South Africa and China.

Williams currently serves as the co-chair of the University's Centennial Celebration Steering Committee and president-elect of the Southern Miss Alumni Association. After retiring from Southern Miss in 2008, he became a distinguished professor of marketing at the University of South Alabama's Mitchell College of Business.

Major General Buford "Buff" Blount has a long history of outstanding leadership and service to the United States Army and to the nation. He is a graduate of Southern Miss and was commissioned an armor officer in the United States Army in 1971. He graduated from the United States Naval War College where he earned a Master of Science degree in national security and strategic studies.

In November 2002, Blount began deploying the Third Infantry Division to Kuwait to support the President's Global War on Terrorism and prepare for possible future military operations. On March 20, 2003, Blount led the Third Infantry Division as it spearheaded coalition efforts to liberate the people of Iraq, remove the oppressive regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and defeat his army.

"The Blount Professorship will be central to the further success of the Center for the Study of War and Society and to the History department as a whole," said Dr. Andy Wiest, professor of history at Southern Miss. "One of the chief goals of the Center is to engage in cutting-edge research on the study of war and its impact on the world. The Blount Professorship will provide faculty scholars with support critical both to their research into war and to making that research accessible to the Southern Miss community."

In January 2005, Blount retired from the United States Army while serving at the Pentagon. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He currently lives in Hattiesburg with his wife Anita.

"Each of these endowed professorships is the result of the hard work invested by those involved in raising the funds for the endowment, especially Beverly Dale," said Bob Pierce, vice president for University advancement and executive director of the USM Foundation. "The effort was certainly worth it, however, as there are now not only additional monies to support the professors selected for this recognition but also permanent endowments to honor two great Southern Miss alumni in General Blount and Dr. Williams."

For more information on the Alvin J. Williams Endowed Professorship in Minority Entrepreneurship and the General Buford "Buff" Blount Endowed Professorship in Military History, contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

The completion of the Williams Endowed Professorship was announced at the College of Business Alumnus of the Year Luncheon on Oct. 29. From left: Dr. Beverly Dale, Dr. Alvin Williams, Jennifer Sequeira and Dr. Lance Nail, dean of the College of Business. Jennifer Sequeira, associate professor in the Department of Management and International Business, is the first Williams Professor.

Volleyball Star SETS HER SIGHTS ON SERVICE

By Jenny Boudreaux '08

Seymour, a member of the Southern Miss volleyball team has been named C-USA Co-Setter of the Week seven times, three of which have been this season.

Kelsea Seymour, a junior from Long Beach, Calif., and a member of the Southern Miss women's volleyball team, has been granted more accolades than the average college student. To mention a few, she was named Conference-USA Co-Setter of the Year in 2009, after helping guide the Golden Eagles to its first C-USA volleyball regular season title in the history of the program. She has been named C-USA Setter of the Week seven times throughout her college volleyball career, three of which have been this season, and she has been given the Most Valuable Player title in numerous tournaments.

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Not only does Seymour have numerous awards and highly impressive volleyball stats, this physical education and health major has balanced significantly well, on average, more than 18 hours a semester. She has managed to keep a high grade point average, while finding time in her schedule to reach out and participate in community service efforts, whether big or small, and make a difference.

Seymour embraced community service in high school, but it

was not until she came to college that she decided she wanted to be more heavily involved. It was then that she heard about a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with a company by the name of International Student Volunteers. Upon arrival, Seymour and her fellow volunteers worked with Crossroads, an organization whose program is aimed at meeting the most fundamental needs of the poor.

Awesome, heartbreaking, exciting and fulfilling are all words Seymour uses to describe the trip during the summer of 2009. It started with a week of Spanish lessons and a home stay, which allowed the volunteers to become accustomed to some of the area's culture. After the transition week, Seymour volunteered in a Dominican village, spending her days either working with children or on a construction project, building the floor of a church. On several occasions the group visited waste disposal sites where families live and search for food, to provide items such as clothes and shoes. Seymour refers to this sight as "one of the saddest things [she] has ever seen."

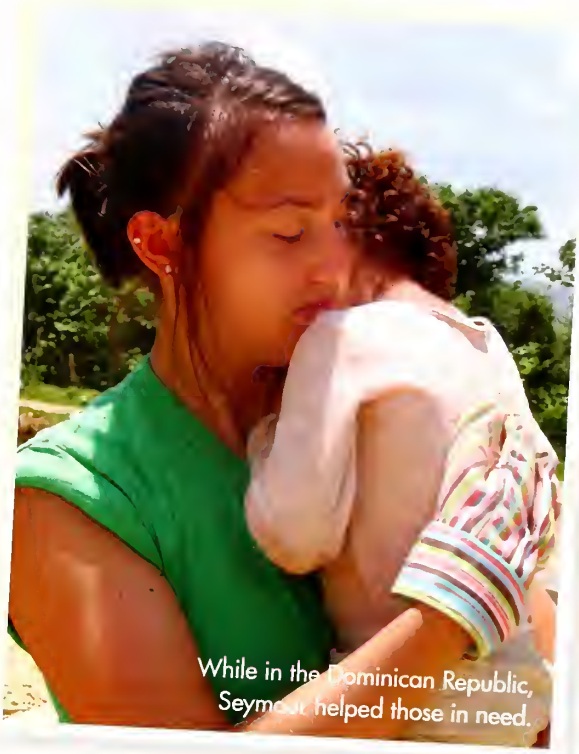
During week three, Seymour's group traveled to a Haitian village, a Haitian community located in the Dominican Republic. Seymour described her very first day there to be one of her most "moving and memorable moments." "I had never seen poverty like this. You cannot even imagine," Seymour discloses. "You see these little children with no shoes and no clothes and you wonder what is keeping them going. They have smiles on their faces still."

Seymour spent a total of five weeks in the Dominican Republic. In the last two, she was able to explore the country. She saw the most thriving and the most struggling parts, which in turn, helped her to learn how to become a better tourist. It was at this time where Seymour was able to see first-hand how tourism affects the country.

When asked to relate her volleyball experience to her mission trip experiences, Seymour explained, "I can relate to them both ways. One thing that I took away from my Dominican trip bringing into last season was this: As tough as the run test is for me, as tough as two-a-days are, I am truly blessed. I might be hurting and tired from practice but at the end of the day I would rather be tired from that experience and blessed to have that opportunity. I know that on my worst day, I still have it better than where I was." She continued, "A lot of the teamwork and leadership you learn from volleyball by working with different people really helps when you go out on a volunteer trip. You have to get used to working with people. I believe the two interchange."

Seymour has a bright future, to say the least, ahead of her. This past year she had the opportunity to go on a four-day mission trip to Mexico where she helped build a house from the ground up in three days, working 12-hour shifts. She sees trips like this one in her future. She also has plans to go to Thailand in the future to work a two-week elephant camp, where she can interact with animals, and then spend the following two weeks working with single mother's in a local orphanage.

Although her time is spread thin, Seymour tries to get involved with significant yet smaller projects during the year. After her trip to the Dominican Republic, she volunteered at the DuBard



While in the Dominican Republic, Seymour helped those in need.

School for Language Disorders on the Hattiesburg campus, where she is now student teaching. She intends to continue to volunteer during the school year, summers and holiday breaks.

As far as volleyball in her future and upon graduation, Seymour plans to stay in Mississippi for a while and try her hand in making volleyball grow in the state by possibly coaching, if the opportunity presents itself.

Seymour's passion to help others is what led her to receive the 2009-10 Fall C-USA Spirit of Service Award. Out of all of her accomplishments, when asked to choose the one dearest to her heart, she does not choose the obvious, a certificate or a plaque with her name on it. She chooses something intangible. "My biggest accomplishment would be from within," Seymour makes clear. "There has been a transition inside of me, and I now know there is more for me to do. I believe God's purpose for me is to help others. My biggest accomplishment would be growing in my relationship with God and seeing how He works through people. This is something that I have learned over the past year."

Kroll Named Men's Tennis Coach

Ki Kroll became the eighth head coach in 60-year history of men's tennis at Southern Miss this past October.

"When we started this process of hiring a men's tennis coach, it was important for us to find someone that brought great credentials to our program but also someone that could relate to our student-athletes and get the most potential out of them on the court," Richard Giannini, director of Athletics said. "I certainly believe Ki fits what we envisioned in our search and we look forward to him leading this program to great heights."

Kroll comes to Southern Miss after spending the past five years at Vassar College, where he led the men's tennis team to two Liberty League Championships in 2007 and 2010 and three NCAA Tournaments. During his tenure, Kroll led the Brewers to a 12-5 record in 2007, 15-6 record in 2008 and 14-4 in 2010. He was named the Liberty League Coach of the Year in 2007, 2009 and 2010. Most recently, Vassar finished 14-4 last year and earned its third consecutive NCAA bid, competing in the NCAA Team Tournament in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

"The community has made me feel very comfortable and at home, and I will look forward to calling Hattiesburg home," Kroll said. "I am grateful for my previous five years of support at Vassar College, and would like to thank them for everything as I make this new transition in my life. I am eager to advance the program to a high level."

2011 GOLDEN EAGLE HOME SCHEDULE

Feb. 18-20	vs. Eastern Illinois	March 25-27	vs. Tulane *
Feb. 22	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	March 30	vs. Ole Miss
Feb. 23	vs. Alcorn State	April 15-17	vs. New Orleans
March 5-6	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	April 22-23	vs. Marshall *
March 8	vs. South Alabama	April 26	vs. Alabama
March 9	vs. Alabama A&M	May 6-May 8	vs. UAB *
March 11-13	vs. Missouri State	May 19-21	vs. Rice *

May 25-28 Conference USA Baseball Championships

Neutral site appanents include vs. Mississippi State (April 5) and Mississippi (April 12) at Trustmark Park in Pearl and LSU (April 20) at Zephyr Stadium in New Orleans.

2011 LADY EAGLE HOME SCHEDULE

Feb. 12-Feb. 13 Southern Miss Mizuno Classic

Feb. 25	vs. Mississippi Valley State	March 23	vs. Jackson State (DH)
Feb. 26	vs. Nicholls State	March 26-27	vs. Houston *
Feb. 26	vs. Evansville Hattiesburg	April 2-3	vs. East Carolina *
Feb. 27	vs. Troy	April 16-17	vs. UTEP *
March 10	vs. Alcorn State	May 4	vs. Southeastern Louisiana
March 16	vs. LSU	May 7-8	vs. Memphis *

Schedule far all Conference USA series includes a daubleheader an the first day of play.

* Indicates Conference USA game.

M-Club Alumni Association Announces Class of 2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Southern Miss M-Club Alumni Association formally inducted its class of 2010 on Sept. 18. The M-Club is a nonprofit organization founded to help with the promotion of athletics at Southern Miss. Eligibility for recognition in the M-Club are players, coaches, trainers, managers and cheerleaders who have reflected great acclaim on the University through their contributions in sports and their continued contributions to the community. There are no better ambassadors for Southern Miss Athletics than those who have competed and contributed while wearing black and gold. The M-Club provides these alumni with the avenue to give back to the institution that they represented so well.

The 2010 Hall of Fame inductees include Mark Carmichael (football, 1979-82), Charley Dedwylder (football-baseball, 1959-61), Jennifer (Jen) Ford (softball, 1999-2000), Larry Hancock (football 1962-63), Kevin Mangum (athletic trainer, 1978-81), Butch McKenzie (tennis, 1980-83), Bill Selby (baseball, 1991-92), Rhett Whitley (football, 1978-81) and John White (men's basketball, 1984-88), who was voted in on the 2009 ballot.

Soccer Team Earns Academic Awards

The Southern Miss soccer team was awarded Nov. 18 with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award.

The award is presented to teams with a cumulative GPA over 3.0. The Southern Miss soccer team has a cumulative 3.48 GPA.

The Golden Eagles are recipients of this award for the second consecutive season, last year they carried a 3.46 GPA

A total of 436 women's programs across the nation at all levels were awarded the NSCAA Team Academic Award, including eight of the 12 Conference USA teams that participate in women's soccer.

"I could not be any prouder of the academic accomplishments of our team," head coach Scott Ebke said. "These ladies take the term student-athlete extremely seriously as is evident by earning this award for the second consecutive season."

Above: Front Row: Sarah Brusca, Jessica Beatty, Amy Davis, Natasha Lambarda, Mischa Tice, Kristen Windecker, Mallary Barnes, Carmen Bafill Middle Row: Student Manager Jordan Gauthier, Assistant Coach Hally Cox, Zoe Vanderbaegh, Stefani Buller, Chelsea Cruthirds, Hanna Weathersby, Lindsey Schwaner, Hannah Vanderbaegh, Danielle Beatty, Tricia Tillman, Jordan Wagner, Athletic Training Intern Tiffanie Glissan. Student Manager Monica Shoemake Back Row: Assistant Coach Jennie Altherr, Student Manager Austin Scaggin, Kimberly Belmont, Missy Wentz, Elisha Tarbell, Shelbi Moeller, Samantha Polley, Chanel Elgin, Caitlin Leumas, Tara Nay, Jana Mason, Certified Athletic Trainer Casee Rhodus, head Coach Scott Ebke.

By the NUMBERS

7

The number of times volleyball player Kelsea Seymour has earned the Conference USA Setter of the Week honor. This is the third time Seymour has received this honor this season.

9

The number of new members that were inducted into the 2010 M-Club Hall of Fame.

29

The number of years Kevin Mangum, a member of the 2010 M-Club Hall of Fame and athletic trainer, has been employed by the New Orleans Saints. Mangum was a part of the Saints Super Bowl championship following the 2009 season.

55

The number of career doubles, which ranks among the school's all-time leaders, by Bill Selby, former Southern Miss baseball player and 2010 M-Club Hall of Famer. During his professional career Selby has played with the Red Sox, Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds.

32,334

The number of fans who were 'loud and proud' at the Rock to watch the thriller against Conference USA foe East Carolina for the Centennial Homecoming game on Oct. 9.

EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

15 Reasons to Support our Student-Athletes' Education

Marc Bourgeois
Construction Engineering Technology

Jan Burmeister
International Business

Amy Davis
Nursing

Austin Davis
Business Administration

Suyi Georgewill
Accounting

Ashlee Kelly
Interdisciplinary Studies

Lisa Knecht
Exercise Science

Leslie LeJune
Kinesiotherapy

Jana Mason
Nutrition and Dietetics

Todd McInnis
Business Management

Krista Moylan
Business Management/ Honors College

Quentin Pierce
Business Administration

Lauren Sears
Mathematics

Elja VanBerlo
Business Management

Cara Wells
Psychology

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The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association

ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been my privilege to have had a "front row seat" to watch the volunteer leadership and staff of the Southern Miss Alumni Association help make this past fiscal year a great one for the Association. It was my particular pleasure to get to know and work with the Association's immediate Past President Curt Hebert. Curt has a wonderful leadership style that combines focus and warmth, and he is a gracious and generous man who deeply loves the University and understands its unique traditions and strengths.

It's also been my privilege to have worked alongside Bob Pierce in one way or another since he became executive director of the Alumni Association more than a decade ago. What happened in the life of the Association during the 2009-10 fiscal year proved to be, in a number of ways, the culmination of many of the dreams Bob had for the Association when he began work there. When Bob turned the reins of leadership of the Association over to Jerry DeFatta on July 1, 2010, the Association was fiscally strong, it had a talented and highly motivated staff, and it was housed in a beautifully restored and expanded building—the Ogletree House.

We have accomplished much over the past year, and we have even more planned for 2010-11. While I cannot cover all of our accomplishments and initiatives here, I would like to highlight a few.

In September 2009, we cut the ribbon on the restored and expanded Ogletree House following a $4 million, 20-month construction project. The 12,800-square-foot Ogletree House has been restored to its original glory and also expanded and enhanced for improved functionality. The re-opening of the Ogletree House was truly a significant milestone for the Alumni Association, and we look forward to it serving our needs for decades to come while also honoring Powell Ogletree, the man on whose shoulders all of us involved in the Alumni Association figuratively stand.

The Centennial Celebration Steering Committee, co-chaired by Alumni Association President-Elect Dr. Alvin Williams and former Association President Rex Kelly, with Dr. Aubrey Lucas serving as honorary chair, developed a plan to ensure a successful celebration of the University's 100th anniversary. The Alumni Association, in conjunction with Centennial Coordinator Jennifer Payne and Centennial Special Projects Manager Ray Guy, has been actively engaged in this effort, and we are proud of our role in the events and activities that have taken place celebrating this significant milestone in the life of our University.

In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration, the Alumni Association reached a milestone of its own. In 2008, the Association launched an initiative known as the 20,000 in 2010 Membership Campaign. This effort was designed to increase the Association's active membership to more than 20,000. I am pleased to report that as of June 30, active membership in the Southern Miss Alumni Association stood at 21,088, a new all-time record for membership in the organization.

As part of this initiative, the student chapter of the Alumni Association, The Legacy, experienced record membership with 1,175 active members. The continued growth of this group is vital to the future of the Association as we educate our current students on the importance of supporting the University.

In June, the Association hosted a reception in honor of Bob Pierce who faithfully served the organization as executive director for nearly 12 years. While Bob will still be involved with the organization as the University's vice president for Advancement, we will miss his daily involvement in the management of the Association.

In July, the Association welcomed Jerry DeFatta as its fourth, full-time executive director. I'm very confident that Jerry is exactly what we need in an executive director at this point in our history. He is creative, innovative and likeable, and I'm looking forward to working with him to make the Association an even better servant of the University and its alumni.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunity to develop a new strategic overview that will be used to guide the Association for the next five years. The Executive Committee has launched a planning process that will identify the major focus of the organization. We will be working with the University administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni to chart a path for the Association's growth and development over the next five years.

As you can see, the Association is growing and truly making a difference for our beloved alma mater. Because of you, The University of Southern Mississippi has a treasured past of which we can all be proud, and with your continued support, we are sure to enjoy the University's golden future.

Southern Miss to the Top!

Randy Pope
President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

With 21,088 members at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2009-10, the Alumni Association is bigger and better than ever. In July, the Association announced the results of its 20,000 in 2010 membership campaign.

The people that make up the 21,000 members plus total are a diverse group from all over the world. There are over 50 members located outside of the United States and members in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. The geographic and the demographic diversity of the Association's members is a clear sign of the University's evolution 100 years after its founding in 1910. The University has truly developed into an institute of higher education where students from all over the world attend.

The successful completion of this initiative was important for several reasons. First, becoming a member of the Association is the most cost-effective way for alumni to connect with and become engaged with their alma mater. It is the best method for alumni to stay informed of news, events and Southern Miss achievements. Second, alumni involvement is one of the top indicators of the University's state and is considered when publications such as *U.S. News and World Report* present institutional rankings.

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Lastly, this campaign allows the Alumni Association to continue its dual mission of serving the alumni and supporting the University. The Association does this through the production of *The Talon*, the organization of alumni events, and the management of scholarship funds that support children and grandchildren of alumni.

While the Alumni Association was surpassing its 20,000 in 2010 goal, another organization associated with the Association was setting a new member record as well. The Legacy, the student alumni association, surpassed 1,175 active members. Legacy Board members organized a membership drive during the first week of school in the fall that received an unprecedented response.

Currently the Alumni Association's membership total represents a participation of more than 20 percent, well above the national average for participation in the top alumni associations across the country, according to figures from the Council for Alumni Association Executives. In addition, The Legacy is currently the largest student organization at Southern Miss. Unquestionably, the Alumni Association has had a record-breaking year.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MARCH 15

Alexandra Slay Bradley

Virginia Claire Caldwell

Chelsea Regina Cruce

Lauren Lang Ishee

Kelly Elizabeth Lott

Meredith Gray Lucas

Amanda Joy Waddle

The University of Southern Mississippi has many traditions but one of the most important is a willingness to help current students succeed through financial assistance with tuition. The Alumni Association plays a role in that effort by annually awarding a number of scholarships to incoming freshman and current students who are a part of The Legacy.

For incoming freshman, the Association awards the Pierce Legacy Scholarships each year. This award is a one-time, $1,000 scholarship named in honor of former executive director of the Alumni Association, Bob Pierce, and is given to select children or grandchildren of Southern Miss graduates. This year scholarships were awarded to Alexandra Bradley, Virginia Caldwell, Chelsea Cruce, Lauren Ishee, Kelly Lott, Meredith Lucas and Amanda Waddle.

Current Golden Eagles who are members of The Legacy, the student alumni association, may be eligible for the Powell and Frances Ogletree Scholarship, the Past Presidents Council Endowed Scholarship or the Clyde Kennard Memorial Endowed Scholarship. On an annual basis, the Powell and Frances Ogletree Endowed Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Legacy member of at least junior standing and is a one-time monetary gift of $1,000. The Past Presidents Council Endowed Scholarship goes to an individual designated as a "University of Southern Mississippi alumni leader of the future." This individual must be a Legacy member of at least sophomore standing. The Clyde Kennard Memorial Endowed Scholarship provides scholarships to students, with preference given to minority students, who have demonstrated a commitment to the University and a desire to see it prosper.

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>
> - Lacey Blankenship
> PRESIDENT OF THE LEGACY

Annually, two incoming full-time female freshman from Mississippi who select a major within the College of Arts and Letters are awarded the Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Scholarship. Named in honor of Peets Buffett, a 1940 graduate of Gulf Park College for Women (now the Southern Miss Gulf Park campus) and mother of two daughters, Laurie and Lucy, and one son, Jimmy, one of the University's most prominent alumni. This year's recipients were Gabrielle Bulger and Alexandria Gieger.

A number of the Associations chapters award scholarships as well. Currently the alumni chapters of Central Mississippi, Gulf Coast Metro, Laurel Metro, Mobile, New Orleans, South Central Mississippi, Southeast Mississippi and Southwest Central Mississippi all offer scholarships.

In addition, children of alumni who have either received a degree from Southern Miss or attended Southern Miss at least two years may be eligible for an Out-of-State Tuition Scholarship.

Applications can be obtained at the Ogletree Alumni House, the USM Foundation or through the Office of Admissions. All applications must be submitted to the Alumni Association no later than March 15 for the upcoming fall semester. For more information, please call the Alumni Association at 601.266.5013 or visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

THE LEGACY HOLDS LARGEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION TITLE

The student alumni association, The Legacy, exceeded 1,175 active members this year, a record number of members largely as a result of a membership drive organized by The Legacy Board this fall. In addition, The Legacy is currently the largest student organization at Southern Miss.

"The Legacy is the keeper of traditions at Southern Miss," said Lacey Blankenship, president of the Legacy. "If students carryout these traditions and show pride and devotion to the University while in school, it will make them a better alumni in the long run. They will appreciate the traditions more because they were apart of making history while at Southern Miss."

The Legacy of Southern Miss is known for hosting a number of events including an annual t-shirt burn, the painting of the Eagle Walk and Lecutre Series – to name a few. "Still the best event we put on in my opinion is the alumni networking dinner," Blankenship explained. "This event connects juniors and seniors with alumni that hold top business positions. I feel students get the most out of this event because they make connections with these people and open doors for possible job opportunities."

As president, Blankenship is extremely pleased with the number of members in The Legacy. "For the last few years we have focused mainly on high membership numbers. Now it is our focus to keep those numbers up by keeping members interested in our organization," Blankenship explains. "Students are extremely busy and one of the main focuses is to have fewer events but make those events that we do have bigger and better. This is what I have been working on this year and I hope to leave the presidency with a devoted Legacy Board and events that become traditions that all students can enjoy."

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES MORE THAN $10,000 FOR LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2010 Shell Finish Line/Southern Miss Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament was held on Friday, Oct. 8, at the Hattiesburg Country Club. The tournament marked the 12th consecutive year, featuring 120 golfers and 51 sponsors.

The result was more than $10,000 raised for The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association's Legacy Scholars Fund. Each year, the fund provides $1,000 scholarships to select children or grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni. This past year, seven students were awarded Legacy Scholarships. To date, more than $100,000 has been raised through the tournament.

The Legacy Scholars Program is available for eligible high school seniors. To be eligible, candidates must enroll full-time for the upcoming fall semester. At least one parent or grandparent of the candidate must hold a degree from the University and be an active member of the Alumni Association for the immediate past 10 years or be a Life Member. Applications can be obtained at the Ogletree Alumni House, The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, or through the Office of Admissions. Applications must be submitted to the Alumni Association by March 15.

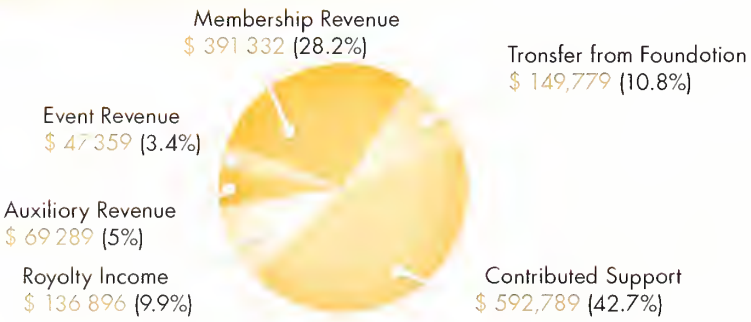
For more information on the Legacy Scholars Program, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

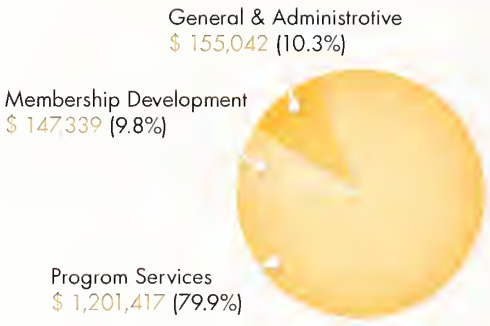
DID YOU KNOW?

To date, the Shell Finish Line/Southern Miss Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament has raised more than $100,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010





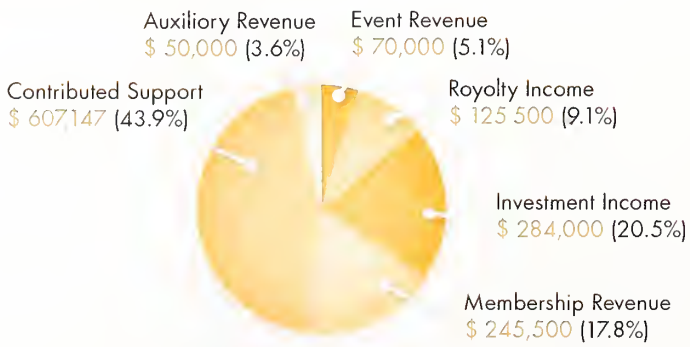
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

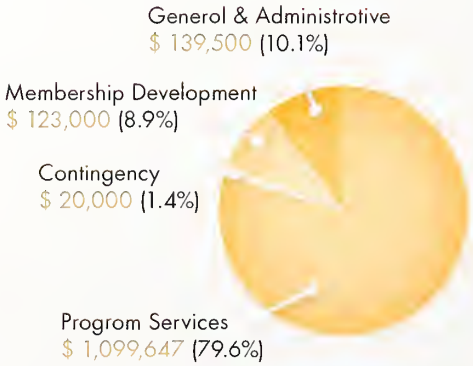
	$ 1,387,444
Investment returns	$ 165,792
	$1,553,236

TOTAL EXPENSES

$ 1,503,798

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011





TOTAL INCOME AND OTHER SUPPORT

$ 1,382,147

TOTAL EXPENSES

$ 1,382,147

ABOUT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Mississippi in 1955 by then Executive Secretary Powell G. Ogletree. As of June 30, 2010, the conclusion of the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, the Alumni Association reported total assets of $3,284,562 and a total membership of 21,088. The 21,088 members represent 22.8 percent of the University's 92,530 alumni-of-record. According to the Council of Alumni Association Executives, the national average of alumni participation in the leading alumni associations in the country is approximately 18 percent.

ASSETS

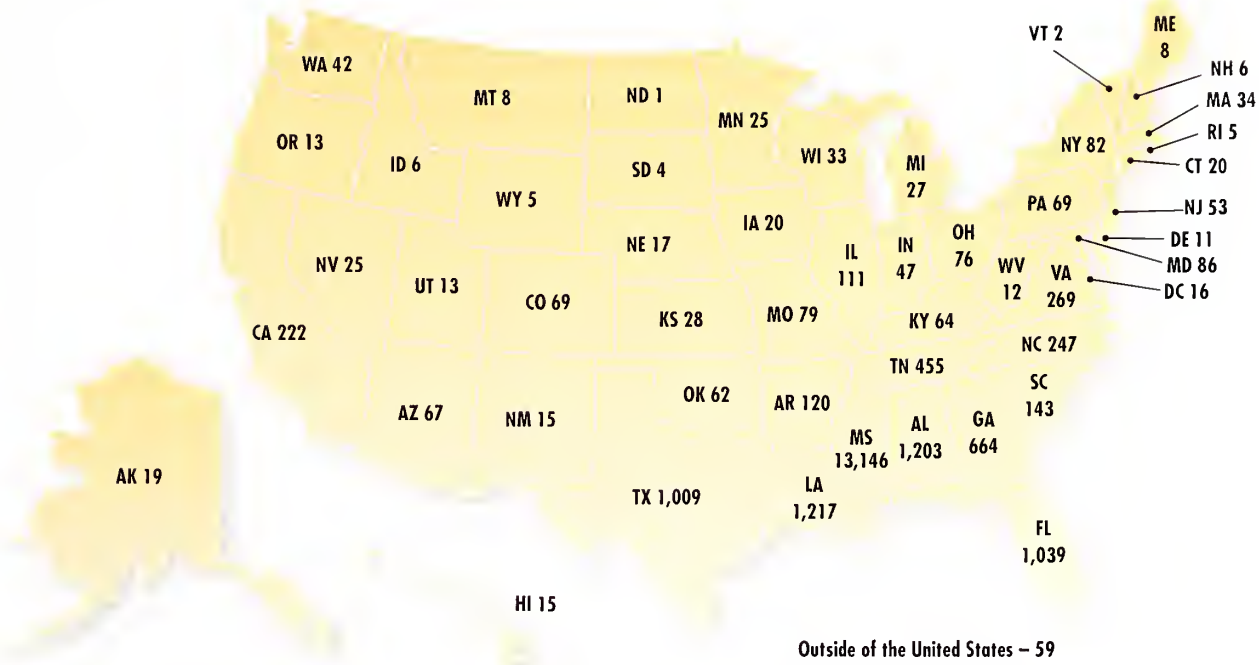
Current Assets	$ 837,789
Investments	$ 2,413,284
Total Property and Equipment	$ 33,489
Total Assets	**$ 3,284,562**

LIABILITIES

Total Current Liabilities	$ 476,070
Noncurrent Liabilities (Deferred Revenue)	$ 64,092
Total Net Assets	$2,744,400
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$ 3,284,562**

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association is comprised of members from all 50 states and numerous countries outside of the United States. Its 21,088 members are residents of the states below.



ACTIVE YEARS

of Annual Membership in the Alumni Association*

Number of Years	Number of Members
0-4	7,671
5-9	3,080
10-14	1,615
15-19	999
20-24	892
25 and more	2,462

* Does not include Life Members

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Southern Miss' MasterChef

Writing the Recipe for Success

By Jenny Boudreoux '08

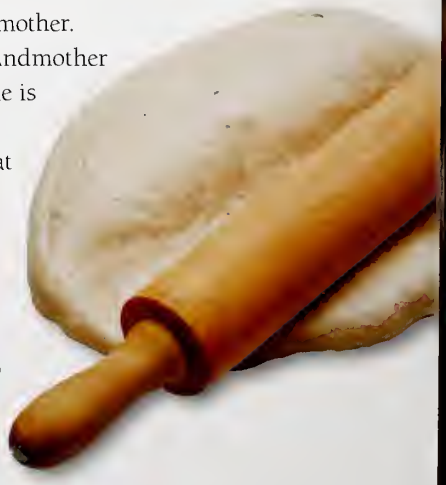
"The winner of America's first ever *MasterChef* comes with a quarter of a million dollars and a unique opportunity, your very own cookbook. It doesn't get any better than that." Those were the words of Gordon Ramsay, one of three judges on *MasterChef*, a reality cooking television show that aired on FOX this past year, right before revealing the winner. "And the winner of America's first ever *MasterChef*," Ramsay continued. "Goes to Whitney! AMAZING! Absolutely amazing!"

Whitney Miller, a Southern Miss student could never have imagined that she would be the *MasterChef* champion. "I'm so excited! I just really want to tell everybody that if you have a dream to go after it," Miller explained, bursting with emotion immediately after her big win. "My dream was the title of America's first *MasterChef* and I couldn't be any happier than I am right now."

Miller, a Poplarville resident who is a senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies, with an emphasis in nutrition, took an interest in cooking at a very early age. She remembers being 12 years old when she first started experimenting by herself with food in the kitchen, something that undoubtedly she has grown to become excellent at and a talent she could not have perfected without the help of her mother and great-grandmother.

"My great-grandmother and my mom really taught me a lot," Miller said. "My great-grandmother taught me the Southern basics, Southern hospitality. For me, cooking for a hundred people is nothing. She would have 30-50 people over to eat on a Sunday, so I got used to cooking large amounts. From my mom, I was taught creativity. I think that was the biggest key that helped me in *MasterChef* because you had to be creative."

Prior to *MasterChef*, Miller and her mother, Mary Miller, planned to open up Glaze, an intimate restaurant in Poplarville, Miller's hometown. "My mom and I wanted to have something where it would just be us two working and we'd be able to handle it. We decided that we would offer a daily special, while shrimp and grits would remain on the menu. Each week the menu changes because I just love being creative and I don't want to do the same thing over and over. We'll have an Italian day and sometimes we'll offer a



Whitney Miller, winner of *MasterChef* and Southern Miss student, at her family's restaurant Glaze, located in her hometown of Poplarville, Miss.

After winning the title of MasterChef Whitney Miller is presented with one of two prizes, a check for a quarter of a million dollars. Pictured left with MasterChef judges Graham Elliot, Gordon Ramsay and Joe Bastianich.

duo or trio of different pastas. We always have dessert with the entrees because I want everyone to experience a little sweet with their meal that they might not order at other restaurants. It's always a small portion so they don't have to feel guilty about eating it."

Months before the opening of Glaze, Miller, surfing the Internet, came across audition information for a new cooking competition show. The first step in the process was to prepare a dish that was to be judged by local chefs in New Orleans. Miller prepared roast atop a celery root and cauliflower soufflé served with pan gravy and horseradish cream sauce. This dish advanced her to the next round. After several more audition rounds, individuals from FOX then visited the Miller residence and filmed her cooking, an experience she describes as "nerve wracking." It was then that Miller was told she had made the top 50 contestants.

In the next step, Miller flew to Los Angeles where she and 49 other contestants competed to win the title of America's first *MasterChef*. She gives credit to the University for preparing her for this experience. "In the Dietetics department we did so many presentations. That taught me how to be comfortable being in front of people and how to speak in public because everything is critiqued when you're giving presentations, your grammar and even the way you present yourself." Miller explained, "I also learned how to become comfortable working in groups, as well as how to take on a leadership position, because on *MasterChef* we had to work so many times on group challenges."

While filming the show, which took a month and a half to complete, Miller was without a cell phone and unable to communicate with her family or friends. This small-town girl from Poplarville was thrown right into the big city of Los Angeles. For someone who had chosen Southern Miss, not only because it was a family tradition but because it was near home and close to her parent's kitchen, this period of time away from Mississippi might have been difficult.

This did not hinder Miller in the least. While on the show, she excelled in cooking challenges, showing skill and food creativity that was well beyond her years. This "Pastry Princess", as she is known, said her most difficult challenge while on the show was oddly the chocolate soufflé. "That was what was going to make it or break it for me to get into the semifinals," said Miller. "It was so difficult because the judges talked about how restaurants hardly serve this because it's so tricky to take it from the oven to the customer's table without it falling. At the end of the challenge Gordon Ramsay told us we had 90 seconds to take it out of the oven and bring it up to the judges. He was yelling, "Whitney! You've got to hurry up and bring it to us!" I was trying to get it. It was burning up hot! They have these little glass things and they want us to sit the soufflé down in there. My mittens were so big I could hardly sit it in and I didn't want it to drop and fall. At that point he was yelling at me and then he said, "Whitney, you haven't even tasted it!" I was so meticulous on measuring and everything I took the whole amount of time to where right when I pulled it out of the oven I didn't have the chance to make another one. It was either make it or break it then and thankfully, it was good."

Miller's chocolate soufflé allowed her to advance into the semifinals and eventually, the finals. One of the most hard to watch moments on the show happened during the finale. Miller had worked the entire duration of the final challenge on a chicken dish, and while plating her chicken to serve to the judges, the chicken fell onto the floor with only seven minutes left to spare. "When I dropped my chicken I was devastated but I knew this wouldn't be the end for me," said Miller. "I had worked so hard throughout the whole competition to lose from what I would have considered a forfeit. I quickly got another piece of chicken, breaded it and put it into the pan to cook. I was doing a lot of praying while my chicken was cooking because I knew that it would have to be a miracle for the chicken to cook in seven minutes."

Miracle or not, the chicken cooked thoroughly and Miller won the title of *MasterChef*. She was also awarded a quarter of a million dollars and her very own cookbook deal. With the money, Miller plans to travel around the world. "I would love to learn about different cultures and their cuisines. I want to expand my taste buds to new foods," Miller shared.

Currently, Glaze is temporarily closed while Miller works on her

"I just really want to tell everybody that if you have a dream to go after it. My dream was the title of America's first *MasterChef* and I couldn't be any happier than I am right now."

Miller shares a holiday recipe for cranberry chipotle sauce, which can be paired with her no-bake cheesecake, found in the *MasterChef* cookbook. The sauce is also great with cream cheese for a quick appetizer.

CRANBERRY CHIPOTLE SAUCE

12 oz. bag fresh cranberries
2 cups plus 1 tbsp. water
1 ¼ cups white sugar
½ cup brown sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
1 tbsp. cornstarch

In a large saucepot over medium-high heat, combine cranberries, 2 cups water and both sugars. Bring to a boil, then reduce to medium and cook for 20-25 minutes.

Strain half of mixture into blender and reserve pulp in strainer. Add in additional mixture without straining. Add reserved pulp back into pot. Into blender, add salt, apple cider vinegar and pepper. Blend until smooth. Pour into pot with pulp and stir to combine.

In a small bowl, make slurry by stirring together cornstarch and 1 tbsp. water. Add slurry into cranberry mixture until combined. Place pot back onto medium heat. Cook until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and pour sauce into a large bowl. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours and serve.

Whitney Miller and her 95-year old great-grandmother making biscuits. Miller gives her great-grandmother credit for teaching her "southern hospitality and southern basics".

MasterChef cookbook but plans are for a grand reopening in the near future. In Miller's upcoming cookbook, one can expect more than just recipes. Miller plans to tell stories of how she came up with each recipe. "To me, when I cook Southern foods, I don't want people to think that it has to be something that is so fattening. I pan fry instead of deep fry and use olive oil. I use vegetables in ways that people don't usually think. I do a turnip green pesto and roast brussels sprouts to bring out the sweetness, and I've turned a lot of people over to some vegetables they thought they'd never love."

Miller has already accomplished more than most college seniors, but she does not plan to stop now. A devoted fan of the Food Network, her dream is to have a cooking show and then a second cookbook to concentrate on the Pastry Princess and desserts. Without question, Miller has the talent, the creativity and Southern hospitality to one day make all of her culinary dreams come true. Miller looks up to and inspires to one day be like Food Network Star Guy Fieri. "He won The Next Food Network Star and to just see how huge he's gotten in the culinary world and just even all across every network, is really inspiring," Miller says. "I can do that, too."

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From left, Jerry DeFatta, executive director of the Alumni Association accepts the contribution to the Association's Pierce Legacy Scholarship Fund from Shell Finish Line's Will Martens and Hattiesburg Coca-Cola's Brad Brian.

As the temperature falls, be sure to wrap yourself in the warmest black and gold. And when you brave the conditions in your Southern Miss gear, be sure to let us know. Send photos* of yourself, your family and friends, and we will print as many as space allows in a future edition.

Above: Jason Boone (left) and David Fran (right) an tap af Mt. St. Helens

Right: D'Wayne Swear, neighbor extraordinaire, presents hand carved Eagle pumpkin to Rex Kelly.

Above: Capt. William Austin, Maj. Craig Sumrall, Lt. Col. Harry Gunter, Maj. Scott Dearman, Lt. Cal. Guy Reedy, Spc. Kenya Clark, Maj. David Oglesby, Maj. Jacqueline Corley, Maj. Ailrick Yaung, Lt. Col. David Jolly, Lt. Cal. Tany Harrison, Capt. Gary Crist, Capt. Tawaski Carter, Col. Clint Walker, Sgt. Mary McSwain, Maj. William Smith, Lt. Col. Ray Causey, Master Sgt.Willie Smith, Cal. Craig Weaver, Lt. Cal. James Draga.

Above: Pictured from left ta right: Beyla Waldrop, daughter of Brent and Arian Aguirre Waldrap, Riley Rase Mulroaney and Sophie Mulraaney, daughter af Jahn and Jennifer Richards Mulraaney.

Above: Many of alumnus Don Middleton's students joined him in wearing black and gold to celebrate the 100th anniversary of The University of Southern Mississippi. Each Thursday is college day at Hillsborough High School in Tampa, and pictured is Middleton's American history honors class.

Left: The Broadheads of Mendenhall recently visited the McKees of St. Louis and claimed the Archway for Southern Miss! Pictured "Going Gold" in front of the Arch is Alex and Bella Broadhead, front row; Bill and Amanda Broadhead, Laura Watson McKee and Ryan McKee, back row. Ryan is a former Broadhead Christian Athlete football scholarship recipient who now plays for the St. Louis Rams practice squad.

Below: After the assembly at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Madison, MS. Dr. Saunders with the children of Southern Miss alumni in the audience.

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1950s

SYLVIA H. ROSE '57 serves on the board of directors for the greater Memphis chapter of USA Dance and is also the chapter's director of classes and publicity. In addition, Rose is the CEO of SROSE Agency and Arts Associates.

BARBARA HALAT '59 is enjoying her recent retirement after teaching 43 years in the unified school district in San Diego, Calif. Halat currently resides in Biloxi.

1960s

FRANCES M. FALVEY '62 is enjoying her retirement from teaching.

HON. FRANK L. BELL '63 has retired after 38 years of services as a circuit court judge in Pensacola, Fla.

DR. JIM HANSFORD '66 has retired after 20 years of service as a professor of music and director of bands at Oklahoma Baptist University. During his tenure at OBU, Hansford taught several courses and served as the conductor for the symphonic band and the OBU-Shawnee Community Orchestra. He currently serves as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator in the public schools and churches of Oklahoma, Texas and the southwestern United States.

DONNA '68 and **SPENCER BAILEY '68** recently returned to Hattiesburg to witness their daughter's historic moment of becoming the first female to officiate a D-1 football game in the state of Mississippi. Sarah Thomas is a member of the Conference-USA Officials Association and served as line judge for the Prairie View vs. Southern Miss game.

1970s

ROBERT INGRAM '70 was recently recognized as the Southern Economic Development Council's newest Honorary Life Member during the council's annual conference in New Orleans. Ingram was honored with the SEDC's highest award due to his significant contribution to economic development as president and CEO of the

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Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance and his service to SEDC as a committee leader and board member.

JAMES ANDERSON '71 has been elected to serve on the National Board of Directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. He is also a managing member of Anderson, Crawley & Burke, a law firm based in Jackson.

CHAD '71 and **AMY BRIDGES '95** announce the birth of their son, John Chad Bridges II.

RICHARD ELAM '73, principal of Mt. Salus Christian School has been inducted into the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Hall of Fame for his 38 years of dedicated service that include various coaching and administrative positions at Sylva Bay Academy, Central Hinds Academy, Magnolia Academy, Hillcrest Christian School and Mt. Salus Christian School. In addition to being principal at Mt. Salus, Elam also serves as the school's athletic director and basketball coach.

JIMMY HEIDELBERG '75 has been elected vice-chairman of the Mississippi State Oil and Gas board. His responsibilities include representing the board before the Mississippi Legislature and serving as liaison with state agencies, including the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

TENA CLARK '76 is the composer and lyricist for a new musical "TWIST," an American version of Charles Dickens' classic tale "Oliver Twist." The musical debuted at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, Ga.

Lynda S. Lesley '85

For some, creativity is something that is developed through practice and dedication. For others, creativity is a natural-born gift that is nurtured into a talent that can transform the landscape of a career.

For Lynda S. Lesley, her gift of creativity was evident at an early age with her love of singing commercial jingles. Today, her creative flare has led to an outstanding career in advertising that includes developing many influential regional, national and international marketing campaigns. As vice president and creative director for the Cirlot Agency, Lesley has used her talents to enhance the brands of many companies including Northrop Grumman, ATK, Bush Brothers & Company, Elbit Systems of America and Cellular South.

In addition to her creative duties at Cirlot, Lesley also assists clients in developing strategies for product development, marketing, advertising and public relations. She also oversees the overall strategy direction of the agency's creative team, works with the copywriters and implements quality control for all agency projects. During her 19 years at Cirlot, Lesley has earned numerous awards. Her most prominent work was featured in the Mississippi, Believe It! campaign. The 17 advertisements were designed to inform and educate Mississippians, as well as the rest of the country, about the wonderful people, aspects and facts associated with the state of Mississippi. The campaign was also designed to help combat many misconceptions by demonstrating that Mississippi is a progressive state with citizens, and companies, that are successful in a variety of industries.

In 2009 Lesley was instrumental in creating and developing a marketing campaign for the Disney movie *Secretariat*. Her concept of bringing spirituality to the movie proved to be a major component when her idea of using a Bible verse was actually written into the movie and used in the movie trailers. The movie was released in October and is projected to be one of the year's biggest hits.

Lesley is also known for her community outreach. She has worked with a number of organizations including the March of Dimes, Special Olympics, the Jackson Zoo, Gateway Rescue Mission and the Willowood Developmental Center. Lesley is an active member of the Fondren Presbyterian Church where she serves in many leadership roles. She is married to Robert Lesley, another Southern Miss graduate, and resides in Jackson with their son, Alex.

JULIA WOODS DICKINSON '76 has been appointed president of the Junior League of Baton Rouge. As president, Dickinson will direct the volunteer efforts of approximately 600 active and provisional members in key community initiatives. Dickinson has held many leadership positions during eight years of service with the Junior League including vice president of fund development and council relations director.

Forde Selected to College of Fellows for PRSA

John Forde

John Forde, an associate professor at Mississippi State University, has been elected to a fellowship appointment by the Public Relations Society of America. With this fellowship, Forde has become one of only 14 public relations professionals to earn this prestigious distinction. He also becomes the first professional in the state of Mississippi to receive the recognition. Forde was elected to the College of Fellows for his work in the Department of Communication at MSU and for his service in numerous leadership roles in many state and national professional organizations. Forde is also a representative for the Southern Public Relations Federation on the national Universal Accreditation Board that oversees the credentialing process for APR designations. Forde was inducted during a ceremony held at PRSA's international conference on Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1990, the PRSA College of Fellows was established to recognize individuals demonstrating superior capabilities as public relations practitioners or educators. Eligibility for the College of Fellows includes 20 years of experience in public relations and exceptional character. Today, less than two percent of PRSA's membership are Fellows.

With more than 22,000 members, PRSA is known as the world's largest professional public relations organization. Since its founding, the organization has provided professional development and set the standards for ethics and excellence in the profession.

Alumnus Selected for Prestigious Fellowship

Morion Jones

Marion Jones '04 has been selected as a National Urban Fellow Scholar to pursue her master's in public administration in New York City. The Jackson native is one of 43 members of the 2011 class of National Urban Fellows that will complete a 14-month graduate degree program that comprises two semesters of academic course work and a nine-month mentorship assignment. Upon completion of the program, Jones will be awarded a MPA from the Bernard M. Baruch College in the School of Public Affairs at the City University of New York.

Prior to her selection as a NUF Scholar, Jones was an operations trainer for the J. Paul Getty Trust, a cultural and philanthropic institution based in Los Angeles, Calif. During her time at the J. Paul Getty Trust, Jones' duties included hiring staff, facilitating training workshops, and researching corporate responsibility and best practice in nonprofit organizations. In addition to her experience at J. Paul Getty, Jones also served as a programs review assistant manager for the academic senate at the University of California in Los Angeles.

Founded in 1969, the National Urban Fellows was established to address the issue of under-representation of minorities in leadership. Today, the NUB is known as one of the nation's oldest leadership development organizations with more than 1,100 graduates who hold numerous policymaking positions in urban areas across the country.

Alumnus Wins Ms. Mississippi Crown

Jennifer Thomas

Jennifer Thomas, a 2007 graduate, was crowned Ms. Mississippi during a pageant held in Jackson. The pageant, sponsored by United America, consists of three rounds where judges evaluated contestants on interview skills, evening wear and casual wear. During the interviews, contestants were asked questions about their education and community service. After winning the state crown, Thomas traveled to Austin, Texas to compete for the national title of Ms. United America.

Thomas is currently pursuing a master's degree at Mississippi State University and serves as a volunteer for several organizations including the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and Habitat for Humanity. She is also the proud mother of two sons, Drew and Drake.

The Ms. United America Pageant is part of the United America Pageant System that celebrates the diversity of women of all ages. The system has six divisions that include Mrs. United America, Ms. United America, Miss United America, Miss Teen United America, Miss Jr. Teen United America and Ms. Classic United America.

Alumnus Finds Second Career in Law

Jeff Cook

Jeff Cook 05', 08' has found a new career in law as a student in the Mississippi College School of Law. Before entering law, Cook was a standout on the Golden Eagle baseball team with Conference USA and All-American honors. Between 2002-03, Jeff received All-American honors from Verizon, Louisville Slugger and Rawlings. He was also named to the All-Conference USA team from 2001-03. In 2003, he was drafted in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks. After two years with the triple-A team for the Diamondbacks, Cook was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates. During his tenure with the Pirates' triple-A team, Cook was forced to retire from baseball due to an injury.

Jeff quickly recovered from the injury and changed his career path. He is now a third-year law student and the legal and business adviser for No More Records, a music company based in Nashville, Tenn. He also serves as the director of the Hattiesburg Flag Football League, which encompasses more than 25 teams and 250 players. Jeff plans to take the Mississippi and Tennessee bar exams in February and plans to graduate in May.

Barlow Selected to *Georgia Trend* Magazine's 40 Under 40 List

Jason Barlow

University of Southern Miss alumnus, Jason Barlow, has been named one of *Georgia Trend* magazine's "40 Under 40" for 2010. The 40 Under 40 list was established by the magazine to honor Georgians under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to their professions and communities. Barlow, president and owner of Trinity Underwriting Managers Inc., was selected due to his ability to provide insurance for commercial transportation. Since its establishment in 2008, Trinity Underwriting Managers has grown significantly with policies written in 41 states.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Barlow was selected for his community involvement. He currently serves on the board of Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, volunteers at his church and coaches youth football.

Barlow is a 1996 graduate and a former two-time letter-winning offensive lineman for the Golden Eagles. He was named Offensive Lineman of the Year by the CommuniGroup in 1994. Barlow lives with his wife, Lori, and sons, Walker, Luke and Ben in Savannah, Ga.

The 2010 list marks the 14th year that *Georgia Trend* has recognized an outstanding group of the state's most promising young professionals. This year's 39 honorees were selected from more than 300 nominees and were featured in the magazine's October issue.

Pam Bass-Finnegan '80

In life there are few certainties. One minute we can have life by the horns with complete control of our destiny. Then, in the blink of an eye, life can present us with a situation that shakes us to the core and forces us to re-evaluate our priorities. It is during this time of introspection that we find out who we really are. We quickly determine if we have the ability to overcome life's trials or let them consume us. For Pam Bass-Finnegan, the answer to that question came during an unfortunate accident as an undergraduate student at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Prior to the accident, Pam was a normal undergraduate student with dreams of performing on Broadway. She was captain of the Dixie Darlings and was a successful model with pictures in *Seventeen* and *Glamour* magazines. Her life seemed to be on the right track until one fateful night in December of 1977. According to Pam, she and another undergraduate student were heading to a Christmas party. Upon getting in the person's car, Pam quickly realized that something was not right about her date. Later on, it became obvious that her date was intoxicated and high on marijuana. Within minutes of getting into the vehicle, Pam quickly found herself in an out-of-control car heading toward a telephone pole. After the accident, Pam woke up in the hospital with severe injuries that would push her life in a new direction.

She had significant injuries to her face from going through the car's windshield, along with head trauma and a blood clot in one of her legs. She also suffered spinal and pelvic injuries. Although she has undergone numerous procedures to repair most of the damage from the accident, Pam still has some injuries that include bladder damage, episodes of amnesia and a slight limp. Despite these injuries, Pam has managed to find happiness in her life through her work.

Now, the former Ms. USM lives her life behind the scenes as a makeup artist helping pageant queens, brides and celebrities look their best. More importantly, Pam also shares her trials and tribulations with her clients so they can find beauty within. She got her start in the industry by helping girls prepare for pageants as a side job. After gaining a sizable clientele, she decided to get licensed and pursue a career as a full-time makeup artist. Pam did makeup locally until her friend, Tom Lester, suggested that she should do makeup for television and movies. During this time she was building a solid reputation through her work with several Mississippi politicians.

Today, Pam is one of the most prominent makeup artists in the country. She has done makeup for every Mississippi governor since 1990 and also for several movies. She has also done makeup for several national television shows on FOX, CNN, CBS and NBC. Some of her clients include Dick Morris, Governor Haley Barbour and Angela McGlowen of "The O'Reilly Show." Pam still does makeup for weddings and pageants and resides in Jackson. Despite the accident, Pam enjoyed her time at Southern Miss and is thankful for the many wonderful people at the University who helped her recover from the accident. She encourages students to choose a "plan B" in something that they love just as much as their first plan. She believes that it will lead to a happier life.

CARLTON "CORKY" PALMER '77 has been selected for induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

DR. MICHAEL L. SMITH '77 has been named professor and chair of the Department of Social Work in East Tennessee State University's College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to this position, Smith served as director of the School of Social Work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and as dean of the Graduate School of Social Work at Newman University in Wichita, Kansas. He also held faculty positions at Southwest Texas State University and the University of Southern California.

COL. WILLIAM J. CRISSLER '78 has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General of the 172d Airlift Wing. With this promotion, Crissler becomes the second general officer to command the 172d Airlift Wing. Major General ALEX D. ROBERTS '71, commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard and fellow Southern Miss alumnus, attended the ceremony.

1980s

CHARLOTTE P. LATON '80 is enjoying her retirement from teaching. She is also the parent of Lauren Laton, a current Golden Eagle pursuing a degree in photography. Laton is also the grandparent of Ariel Henry, a Southern Miss student in the School of Nursing. Laton's daughter, Sharon Riley, is a sheriff and married to Aaron Reynolds.

ELLA MOODY '80 is enjoying her retirement from teaching and celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary last April. Ella and her husband, Calvin, reside in McLain.

SEN. CINDY HYDE-SMITH '81 has been named vice-chairman of the Agriculture and Energy Standing

Committee by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Hyde-Smith is responsible for creating more awareness of agricultural issues among legislators and promoting Mississippi agriculture.

BARBARA O. EDWARDS '82 is enjoying her retirement from the City of Virginia Beach public schools.

CHUCK COOK '83 has been named news content adviser for *The Student Printz*. Cook, a former photographer and sports editor of *The Student Printz* from 1980-82, comes back to Southern Miss after 26 years as a photojournalist and multimedia producer at *The Times-Picayune* in New Orleans.

SAM BRITTON '83 has been named managing director of The McLean Group's new southern Mississippi office. Britton was chosen due to his 25 years of experience in investment banking that includes accounting, auditing and consulting. The new office will focus on providing business owners and stakeholders with merger and acquisition and executive advisory services. The McLean Group, a national independent investment bank based in Washington, D.C., has 30 offices nationwide.

JAMES R. DANIELS '86 announces the birth of his son, Weston James Daniels.

TROY DANIELS '88 has been promoted to chief of human resources at Forrest General Hospital. Prior to the promotion, Daniels served as director of human resources support. He also served as an interviewer/recruiter, compensation manager and benefits manager.

E. RICKY GIBSON '88 has been named chairman of the board for The First Bancshares, a full service bank founded in 1996 in Hattiesburg. Prior to this appointment, Gibson served on the bank's compensation, audit and executive committees. Gibson is the president and owner of N&H Electronics Inc. The First currently has locations in Purvis, Laurel, Picayune, Pascagoula, Bay St. Louis, Wiggins and Gulfport.

1990s

DONNA V. ROA '93 has become the first person in the state of Maryland to earn the Sustainability and CSR Practitioner designation from the Centre for Sustainability and Excellence. The CSR-P designation distinguishes a professional as someone who is knowledgeable, confident and employs international sustainability. The CSE is an international advisory, coaching and training organization that provides corporate social responsibility and sustainable development solutions.

ROBERT SHEARER '95 was recently promoted to Battalion Commander of the 2-20th Special Forces Group during a change of command ceremony held at Camp McCain in Grenada, Miss.

SHEENA WARREN '95, '96, '98 has earned her doctorate in higher education leadership from Argosy University in Chicago. She resides in Skokie, Ill. and is the director of adult and women student programs at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

DR. STACEY MALARET '96 has been named the new director of student leadership development at the University of Central Florida.

KRISTI '97, '98 and **CHRISTOPHER GIAMETTA '98** announce the birth of their daughter, Kylee Elizabeth Giametta. She was welcomed by big sister, Kaitlyn, and big brother Cole.

A resolution was passed in the Mississippi House of Representatives to celebrate the 35th birthday of **WILSON NATHANIEL CAUSEY '99.** The resolution also designated Sept. 9, 2010 as Wilson Nathaniel Causey Day throughout the state.

2000s

ROLLYN CHILDERS '00 and husband, Todd, announce the birth of their son, London Drake Childers.

WILLIAM GULLY III '00 has earned his master's degree in business administration from William Carey University.

BRETT SMITH '00 and **ERIN WILLIAMSON SMITH '01** announce the birth of their son, Hampton Edward Smith. Hampton was welcomed by big brother Bryce. He was also welcomed by Golden Eagle grandparents, EDWARD WILLIAMSON '68 and JUDY MCALPIN GRIMES '69.

KELLY '01 and **WALKER LINDLEY '01** announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Corinne Lindley. The Lindley's reside in Savannah, Ga.

THOMAS WALKER KINNAIRD '02 announces the birth of his son, Zachary Roenn Kinnaird.

EMILY BROWN '03 and husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Marie Brown.

JASON '03 and **NICOLE JIMENEZ '03** announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Jimenez. Victoria was welcomed by big brother, Jayden. Jason plays for the Canadian Football League's Hamilton Tigercats.

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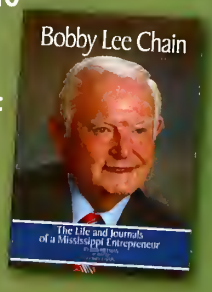
Bringing the World to Mississippi: The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra
Rebecca S. Montague '94
The University Press of Mississippi, 2010
132 Pages, $29.95

"Bringing the World to Mississippi: The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra" is a definitive account of Mississippi's oldest symphony orchestra. During its 91-year existence, the USM Symphony Orchestra has introduced South Mississippi to some of the world's most influential classical music icons through concerts featuring Plácido Domingo, Itzhak Perlman and Yo-Yo Ma, the unforgettable *Night of a Thousand Trumpets* with Doc Severinsen, the spectacular *Voice of the Century* Centennial concert with Renée Fleming, and many others.

The volume also details the growth of the university's opera and musical theatre. Included are memorable productions from *Hey Daze*, an original Southern Miss musical that produced "Southern to the Top," the University's fight song, to a film-noir version of *Don Giovanni*. Performances of Verdi, Wagner, Johann Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan, and more are recalled by their performers. The book is a tribute to all the orchestra's conductors, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and current members and is rich with their recollections. All proceeds from the book's sale support orchestra scholarships.

Rebecca Smart Montague, the author of "Bringing the World to Mississippi," is a 1994 graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi and received her masters degree in fiction writing from The Johns Hopkins University Writing Seminars. Prior to dedicating her life to community service and writing, Montague was a faculty member at Jones County Junior College. Today, the Hattiesburg resident is a long-time symphony supporter and arts patron. In addition to her service as a former chair of Partners for the Arts, Montague has served her alma mater in numerous capacities including appointments to the Southern Miss Alumni Association and USM Foundation boards of directors. She is currently at work on a novel.

Bobby Lee Chain: The Life and Journals of a Mississippi Entrepreneur
Bob Pittman
Franklin Printers, 2010
308 pages, $30



"Bobby Lee Chain: The Life and Journals of a Mississippi Entrepreneur," written by Bob Pittman, is a story of a young boy who went on to become one of Mississippi's most prominent figures. For those who may not know, Bobby Chain is one of the state's greatest entrepreneurs and was a key figure in resolving segregation in Mississippi's universities and colleges.

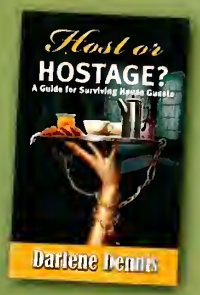
The first part of the book discusses Chain's childhood in Hattiesburg. It explains how an economic depression and two wars helped Chain develop the ambition that would lead him to create one of Mississippi's earliest energy companies, the Chain Electric Company. Through his hard work and determination, Chain expanded the company into other areas and helped spark an interest in Mississippi as a place of business for many investors. Today, the Chain Electric Company operates in 12 states and is partly responsible for providing countless business opportunities for many Mississippians.

In addition to his dynamic career in business, the book also includes a section about Chain's service to his community and state. As mayor of Hattiesburg, Chain worked hard to bring more economic opportunities to the city and created more awareness for its universities. Eventually, his work led to Hattiesburg becoming one of the most prominent cities in Mississippi. His effective work as a mayor resulted in a 12-year appointment to Mississippi's Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning. The book also discusses Chain's pivotal role in working with U.S. Sen. James Eastland and President Nixon to resolve racial segregation in Mississippi's universities and colleges.

"Bobby Lee Chain: The Life and Journals of a Mississippi Entrepreneur," is the story of a man who used his leadership and entrepreneurial skills to enhance his life and others around him. It is also a story of triumph through hard work and dedication that proves that the American dream is still possible for those who are willing to put forth the effort to better themselves.

The author, Bob Pittman, is a former state editor and political writer for several newspapers in Jackson. He is also an attorney who served for 32 years as president of the Mississippi Economic Council. Pittman has written 11 books and numerous articles and papers.

Host or Hostage
Darlene Dennis '57
Barthur House Books, 2009
312 pages, $20.79



"Host or Hostage" is a collection of stories detailing the trials and tribulations of dealing with unruly house guests. The book was written after the author, Darlene Dennis, had her worst experience entertaining a house guest. Wondering if others had similar experiences with house guests, Dennis began asking her friends and family about their experiences with house guests. Her experiences, along with the stories from friends and family, provided inspiration for a book that could help people manage house guests.

"Host or Hostage" serves as a guide for surviving house guests by helping readers understand the complexities of entertaining house guests. In detail, the book explains the protocol for dealing with house guests that includes how to invite or avoid them, how to make guests comfortable and how to manage their timely departure. "Host or Hostage" also provides hints for guests who may need a little help with determining appropriate practices when visiting a home and includes strategies for maneuvering if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation during a visit.

The author, Darlene Dennis, is a retired English teacher living in Encinitas, Calif., with her husband. In addition to writing, Darlene also speaks to a variety of groups across the country.

Post-Traumatic Insomnia Workbook
Karin Thompson, PhD '89
New Harbinger Publications, 2010
200 pages, $21.95

It's no secret that everyone experiences at least one traumatic event in their lives. Over the past decades, scientists have conducted research about how these events affect various aspects of our lives. However, for a brief period of time, there was very little research on how traumatic events affect sleep. Now, with rapid advancements in technology, scientists have expanded their research to include studies on how traumatic events affect our sleep. Due to this new research, scientists have discovered that up to 75 percent of all people who have experienced traumatic incidents have sleeping problems. "The Post-Traumatic Insomnia Workbook," written by Dr. Karin Thompson, introduces a new approach to post-traumatic insomnia that is based on cognitive behavioral therapy. The book's strong theoretical foundation and easy implementation creates a highly effective remedy that has been proven to be more effective over the long run than sleeping pills. It is designed to help readers identify the cause of their lack of sleep and create a less stressful environment that will ensure more sleep.

"The Post-Traumatic Insomnia Workbook" uses a combination of relaxation techniques and sleep-scheduling skills to help readers end sleep-sabotaging habits they have developed. More importantly, the workbook will help them gain a better understanding of what is keeping them awake at night. With this workbook, Dr. Thompson has provided a much-needed remedy that will help hundreds of people cope with traumatic events and finally get some rest.

The author, Dr. Karin Thompson, is a psychologist at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center with more than 20 years of experience with patients with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"Meet the Challenge: One Family's Journey Raising a Child with Multiple Severe Disabilities"
Tammy Ryals '93
Tate Publishing, 2009
128 pages, $10.99

The birth of a child fills any parent with joy and the hopes of a promising future. It is also accompanied with a sense of nervousness as parents ponder the huge responsibility of preparing children for the trials and tribulations of life. As one would imagine, this nervousness is amplified in parents of children with special needs. However, through her book, Tammy Ryals proves that the journey can be less difficult through faith, love and family.

In her book, "Meet the Challenge," Tammy Ryals, gives readers a glimpse into the life of a parent raising a child with special needs. Ryals, a special educator and parent of a child with multiple severe disabilities, chronicles her family's 20-year fight to meet the challenges of everyday life and helps readers discover that children with disabilities and their families face the same issues as everyone else.

Written with the hope of informing, equipping and inspiring anyone who lives with or near a disability, Ryals candidly reveals her family's joys and laughter as well as their tears and sorrow in hopes that others will become aware and rise to meet the challenges of life.

Ryals earned her degree in education from Southern Miss and currently resides in Marion County with her family. She still works with children with special needs.

BROOKE C. BERNAMONTI '05 and John Grainger were married in July during a ceremony held in Jackson. The couple resides in Birmingham, Ala.

BEN GLON '05 recently married the former Erika Johnson during a ceremony held in Washington, D.C.

An essay written by **CHARLINE R. MCCORD '05** was featured in the book, *Christmas Stories from Mississippi*. The book is a collection of 38 essays written by Mississippians that provides readers with a unique insight into how the state celebrates Christmas. The book is also edited by fellow Southern Miss Alumnus, **JUDY H. TUCKER '05.**

BROCK A. STANLEY '05 and **JULIE A. SHERIDAN '07** were married on June 12, 2010.

JAY '06 and **RITA DENTON '06** announce the birth of their son, Trent Donald Denton. Jay is a project manager for AFC Worldwide Express and Rita works for Aramark.

PHILLIP GATTUSO '07 recently earned his real estate broker license and founded the Southern Property Group, LLC. His wife, **KIMBERLEY '05,** is a senior research analyst for the Walt Disney Company.

REGINA GEORGE '07 has accepted a position as an enrollment specialist with the INTO USF program and the University of South Florida in Tampa.

DALE '07 and **EMILY HOLMES '07** announce the birth of their son, Elijah Thomas Holmes.

CHARLIE '03, '04 and **HOLLY ROGERS '07** announce the birth of their son, Charles L. Rogers IV.

ASHLEY TRIPLETT '07, '08 has been promoted to senior in Deloitte & Touche's audit practice.

JEREMY '08 and **MIRANDA HEDMAN '09** were married this past June during a ceremony held in Biloxi. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay and resides in Ocean Springs.

KATHERINE RUDZKI '08 and Jack Uhle Jr. were married on July 24 in New Orleans, La.

JAMES D. HEARD '09 is pursuing his doctorate in nursing practice. Heard is currently a nurse manager at King's Daughters Medical Center.

MARY MARGARET TURNER '09 recently accepted the position of administrative assistant in the External Relations department at William Carey University.

In Memoriam

THOMAS O. WARREN '39
of Hattiesburg died April 29, 2010.

SARAH J. DABBS '40
of Jackson died Sept. 2, 2010.

CLAUDE H. HEWITT '40
of Natchez died Aug. 19, 2010.

LOIS N. SILVA '40
of Hattiesburg died Oct. 3, 2010.

MERLE J. EAST '42
of Jackson died Sept. 14, 2010.

ISABELLA M. BROWN '45
of Durham, N.C., died Sept. 6, 2010.

MARY E. DILLARD '47
of Hattiesburg died Aug. 1, 2010.

RUBYE E. FULTON '49
of Jackson died Aug. 5, 2010.

DELBERT H. COPELAND '50
of Leesburg, Fla., died Aug. 14, 2010.

J.M. JORDAN '50
of Hattiesburg died Sept. 4, 2010.

J.M. MORGAN '50
of Hattiesburg died Sept. 4, 2010.

LOUIS L. SMITH '50
of San Antonio, Texas died Sept. 20, 2010.

HARLAN B. ROGERS '5
of Collins died Sept. 22, 2010.

MARIA S. MCKISSACK '53, '54
of Petal died Sept. 8, 2010.

WILLIAM T. RUTLEDGE '53, '59
of Oxford died Sept. 16, 2010.

JIMMIE L. CROSBY '54
of Leavenworth, Kan., died June 22, 2010.

DONALD B. HUNTER '54, '55
of Conroe, Texas, died Oct. 11, 2010.

JAMES S. LEACH '54
of Greenville died Oct. 5, 2010.

FRANCES A. ROGAN '54
of Fredericksburg, Texas died Sept. 3, 2010.

VAN K. ROGERS JR. '54
of Tupelo died Sept. 15, 2010.

OLIVE F. CLARK '55
of Hattiesburg died Oct. 17, 2010.

ROSEMARY Q. WILLIAMS '55
of Summit died Aug. 2, 2010.

EDWARD E. LEWIS '56
of Jackson died July 27, 2010.

JOSEPH L. SANGUINETTI '58
of Natchez died Sept. 2, 2010.

DALE WALLEY '58
of Troy, Ala., died Aug. 7, 2010.

REYNOLD K. HENRY '60
of Northfield, Mass., died July 23, 2010.

ALFRED E. HINTON '60
of Charlotte, N.C., died July 27, 2010.

JOHN L. ELDENIRE '61
of Tampa, Fla., died Aug. 11, 2010.

GERALDINE S. HICKERSON '61
of Prattville, Ala., died Sept. 29, 2010.

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of Blacksburg, Va., died Sept. 22, 2010.

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of Meridian died July 18, 2010.

CHRISTINE D. LAMBERT '63
of Vicksburg died Oct. 9, 2010.

RICHARD A. FORD '67
of Baton Rouge, La., died July 28, 2010.

DANIEL W. HILL '68
of Pineville, La., died July 31, 2010.

EDWARD C. RISHER '68
of Madison, Ala., died Oct. 2, 2010.

MARY D. SWOOPE '68
of West Point died Aug. 22, 2010.

RICHARD R. SKINNER '69
of Las Cruces, N.M., died May 2, 2010.

NATHAN WALKER JR. '69
of Gulfport died July 29, 2010.

R. CHRISTOPHER WOOD '69
of Hattiesburg died July 22, 2010.

JAMES R. LEAVELLE '71
of Charlotte, N.C., died Oct. 16, 2010.

ROBERT WALKER '71, '75
of Lucedale died July 20, 2010.

ANDREW M. HERBERT '72
of Biloxi died Sept. 26, 2010.

ERNIE HOFFMAN '72
of West Chester, Ohio died Sept. 7, 2010.

EDDIE D. CRUMBLY SR. '76
of Laurel died Aug. 7, 2010.

CHARLES "DUTCH" FUNK, JR. '79
of Carriere died Aug. 21, 2010.

DELTA R. CAMPO '80
of Baton Rouge, La., died Aug. 22, 2010.

SONDRA S. COPELAND '81
of Pauls Valley, Okla., died Aug. 28, 2010.

JAMES R. MCKINNEY '81
of Los Angeles, Calif., died Aug. 26, 2010

GARY MAGEE '83
of Jackson died Aug. 31, 2010.

JAMES T. RILEY '83
of Magee died June 14, 2010.

PHILLIP A. O'DONNELL '84
of Bush, La., died Sept. 26, 2010.

SARAH WARD '84
of Bradenton, Fla., died Aug. 11, 2010.

RAYMOND C. SCHANKIN '87
of Gulfport died July 29, 2010.

JULIE A. MOULDS '91
of Meridian died Sept. 25, 2010.

WINNIFRED PRUETT '91
of Picayune died Sept. 28, 2010.

JOSHUA J. GREEN '95
of Biloxi died July 16, 2010.

EDNA P. MURPHY '96
of New Orleans, La., died Aug. 21, 2010.

GWENDOLYN E. WHEELER '96
of Bogalusa, La., died Aug. 8, 2010.

JUSTIN G. PARKER '07
of Ocean Springs died Sept. 19, 2010.

ALYNE Y. CARSON '10
of Hattiesburg died October 18, 2010.

THELMA W. DICKS
of Alexandria, La., died Oct. 15, 2010.

GENE EVANS
of Petal died Aug. 4, 2010.

JOHN E. GREEN
of Lewisville, Texas died Aug. 7, 2010.

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of Asheville, N.C., died Sept. 21, 2010.

RICHARD J. HRUBY
of Strongsville, Ohio died June 30, 2010.

JAN LAYMAN
of Hattiesburg died Aug. 19, 2010.

RONALD D. MCCREERY
of Hattiesburg died July 26, 2010.

JOSEPH N. SILVA
of Hattiesburg died Sept. 14, 2010.

MARY D. SLACK
of Hartsdale, Ala., died Oct. 17, 2010.

JOHN E. WALLACE
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1. Football legend Fred Cook was selected as the first African-American Mr. USM in 1974.
2. Reggie Collier, who finished his football career at Southern Miss in 1981.
3. The mascot's full name is Seymour d'Campus and was inspired by the 1984 World's Fair mascot, Seymour d'Fair, who was played by former Southern Miss mascot Jeff Davis '83.
4. *Alumni News;* the name was changed to *The Talon* in 2000.
5. It was 1951 when the campus' 10-watt radio station named SWMS first went on air. In 1989 the station's call letters were changed to WUSM. WUSM continues to air in the Hattiesburg area and online today.

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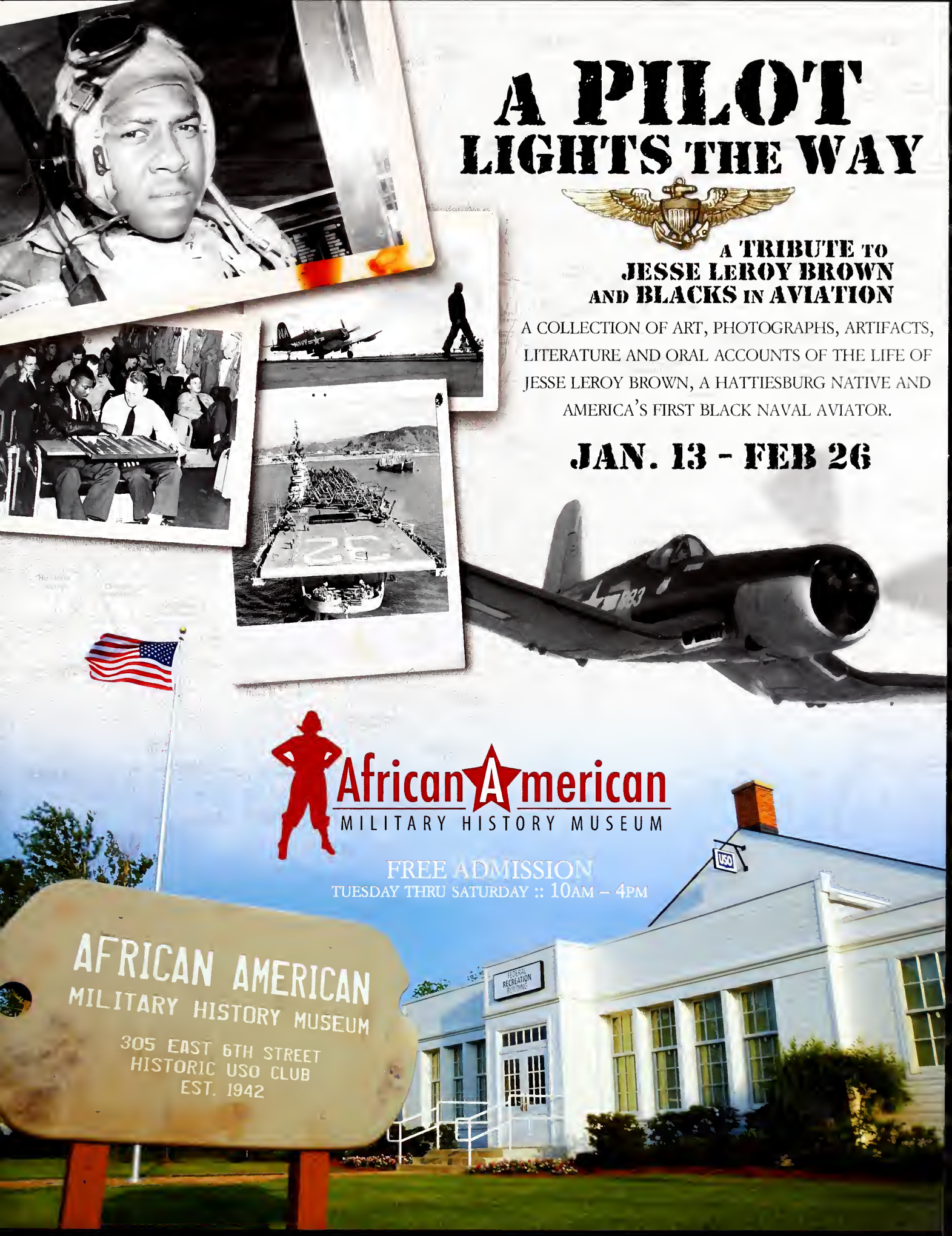

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